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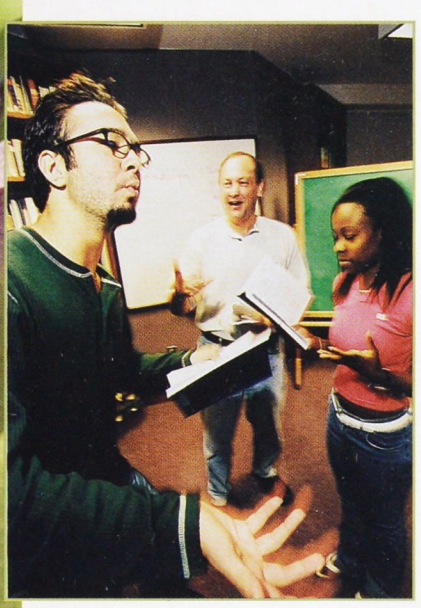

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Matriculation, Again

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D FEEL LIKE A COLLEGE FRESHMAN AGAIN. Yet when I arrived at Middlebury this fall, just a week or so after the first-years stepped on campus, a flood of emotions, previously stored in the far recesses of my mind, washed over me in waves. How will I remember everyone's name? Will my new colleagues like me? How different will everything be? In a brief moment of panic, as I walked through the door of Meeker House, I found myself wondering if I had on the right clothes.

After seven years of managing a publications office and editing the magazine at Sidwell Friends School, in Washington, D.C., I feel like I've graduated from one stage of my life and moved on to another. Now, along with nearly 700 first-years, I'm wandering around campus figuring out where everything is. I have Old Stone Row and Mead Chapel down cold; I'm still trying to find my way around McCullough.

That's not to say I haven't learned a lot already. With the Alumni Leadership Conference rolling into town at about the same time I stepped off a plane from D.C., my first 48 hours here turned into my own Middlebury immersion experience. Over the course of a weekend at Bread Loaf, I learned about the Commons and the new library; I talked to an Italian professor, alumni of all ages, and a senior from Texas, who spent her junior year at the London School of Economics; I heard so many stats about the incoming class, the endowment, and the College's finances, my head was spinning by the end of it all.

Have I mentioned I loved every minute of it? Having grown up in a small college town, I have a deep appreciation for what both the College and the community have to offer. Within a span of two weeks, Elie Wiesel, Edward Albee, and Scott Ritter spoke on campus. On September 11, writer-in-residence Julia Alvarez '71 was a guest on NPR's *Talk of the Nation,* yet she spoke not from a studio in Washington, but from the office directly below mine. I used to live across the Potomac River from the Kennedy Center, yet I managed to attend a performance there only one time during my seven years in D.C. This fall, I'll hear the Emerson String Quartet and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra on back-to-back weekends (I have to admit, my wife has a hand in this as well).

I'm told the weather will be a little different from what I'm used to, having spent most of my life in Virginia. Parkas and warm boots seem to be mentioned often, and the other day I was told it snowed four feet last March. I'm still waiting to be told that's not true. In any case, while I may be trading cherry blossoms for snowdrifts, I'm also leaving behind steamy days for blue skies so sharp they make your eyes water and vistas so stunning they leave you breathless. The other morning, as I cut across campus behind Old Chapel, I glimpsed the moon hanging in the azure sky, framed by the chapel spire and the trees off to the side. I had to blink twice to make sure it wasn't some sort of mirage.

When I was a kid, each Tuesday night was Movie Night, not at the local movie house, but at the college, where my dad was showing that week's selection to his film class. I grew up with multiple viewings of *Citizen Kane, The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, The Searchers,* and countless other classics. One of the first things I did when I got to Middlebury was check out the schedule for the Hirschfield Film/Video Series, and I smiled when I saw that *Caligari* would be playing on September 23. I'm starting to feel right at home. —*MJ*

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LETTERS

Rescue Rewards

Riding with the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association was one of the most rewarding experiences I had at Middlebury ("To the Rescue," summer 2002). I loved how I could learn a skill one day and be using it in the real world the next. A refreshing break from my studies. It was exciting, fun, and a great way to interact with the community. I learned a lot about myself and, quite frankly, found the experience to be addicting. I encourage others to volunteer for the emergency services in their community. It is a great way to give back to your community and is an immensely rewarding experience.

Miles Canfield '92, Captain/Paramedic,
Ketchum Fire Department,
Ketchum, Idaho

Praise for EMTs

I very much enjoyed reading David Mills' ('02) article about Midd student EMTs ("To the Rescue," summer 2002). During my time at Middlebury, I had several friends who participated in the program, and their dedication was inspiring.

I have also benefited from the incredible efforts of student EMTs like Scott Faucett '02. My brother, Matthew Slautterback '93, was involved in a skateboard accident on the Middlebury campus in the spring of 1992. Midd student EMTs were the first to the accident scene and managed to stabilize Matt long enough for my parents and me to fly from California to be by his side. While Matt succumbed to the injuries he suffered, we owe our final two precious days with him to the quick thinking and skill of those student EMTs.

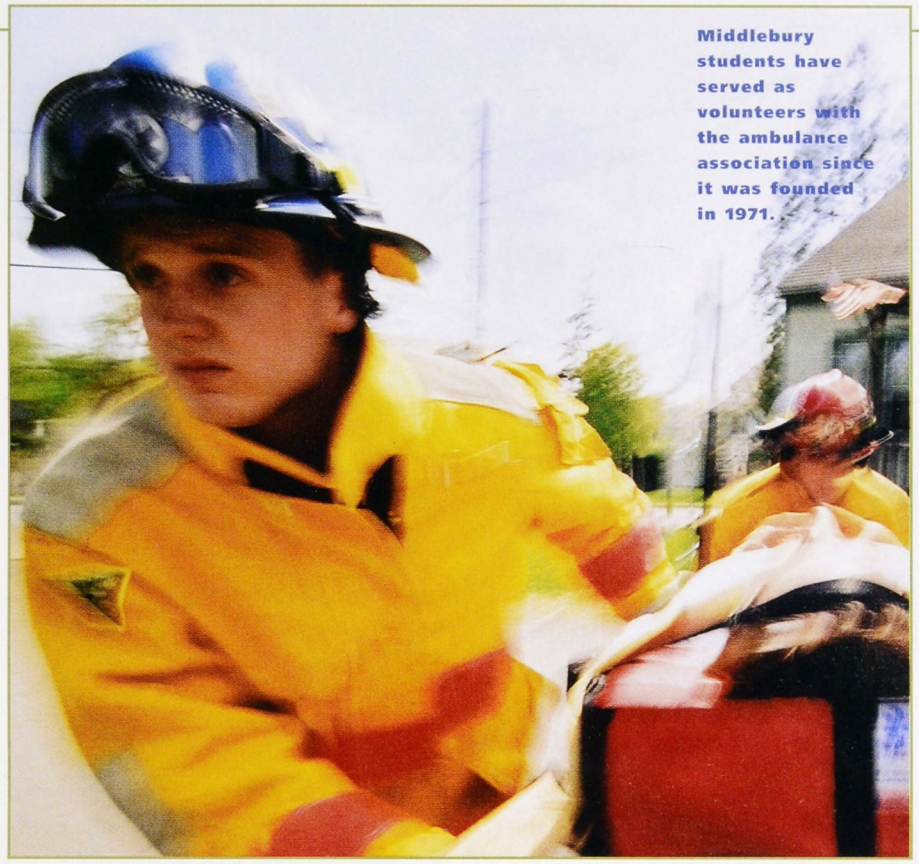
My family is forever indebted to student EMTs from the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association. Please keep up the amazing work.

Courtney Slautterback '96
New York, New York

Life's Language

"The Simple Present" (spring 2002) is not only an extraordinarily moving personal document, it is also a striking affirmation of the complex and vital relationship between language and life. Thank you for publishing it. I have sent copies to numerous friends: the almost universal reaction has been one word: "beautiful."

Talbot F. Hamlin '40
Wellesley, Massachusetts



Middlebury students have served as volunteers with the ambulance association since it was founded in 1971.

Comments from Poland

Our copy of the *Middlebury Magazine* often arrives late in northern Poland, but we always look forward to reading it. Then it is placed in the Americana section of the general library in Sopot where we have our offices, where it attracts a certain amount of interest from Poles of different age groups and backgrounds. Most Poles like to read current publications in English, and most are curious about any aspect of life in the USA.

However, they are confused by the *Middlebury Magazine* as they have been told that the College it represents is known to be a prestigious one in the USA, and it is quite obvious that the publication itself is costly to produce. The consensus is that form is more important than content. Personally, I am embarrassed enough about the choice and publication of certain articles to have written to say so. I know I am not alone in my perception of the image the magazine presents to the rest of the world. We get cover issues of a biker who has thrown away the advantages given to her or a musician scarcely known outside the Middlebury campus. But, when someone such as Dr. Stephen Freeman, who put Middlebury on the map, dies, there is no more than a short obit inside the issue.

You might like to know that the Poles were fascinated—and not at all judgmental—about the article of the two gay men who adopted. Such adoptions are not yet possible in Poland, so the adoption itself was of interest. What intrigued the Poles even more was the idea that two people who had made a success of their lives were giving the possibility of doing the same to others who might not have had the opportunity otherwise. So, you can well imagine the appeal of the last issue concerning a Middlebury graduate, Ari Fleischer, and his role in the White House. Again, the Poles were not discussing politics but, rather, admiring his achievements.

Enid Mayberry, M.A. French '67
Director, Anglo-American-Polish Association

Ed.: A feature article about Stephen Freeman appeared in the winter 1998 issue of Middlebury Magazine.

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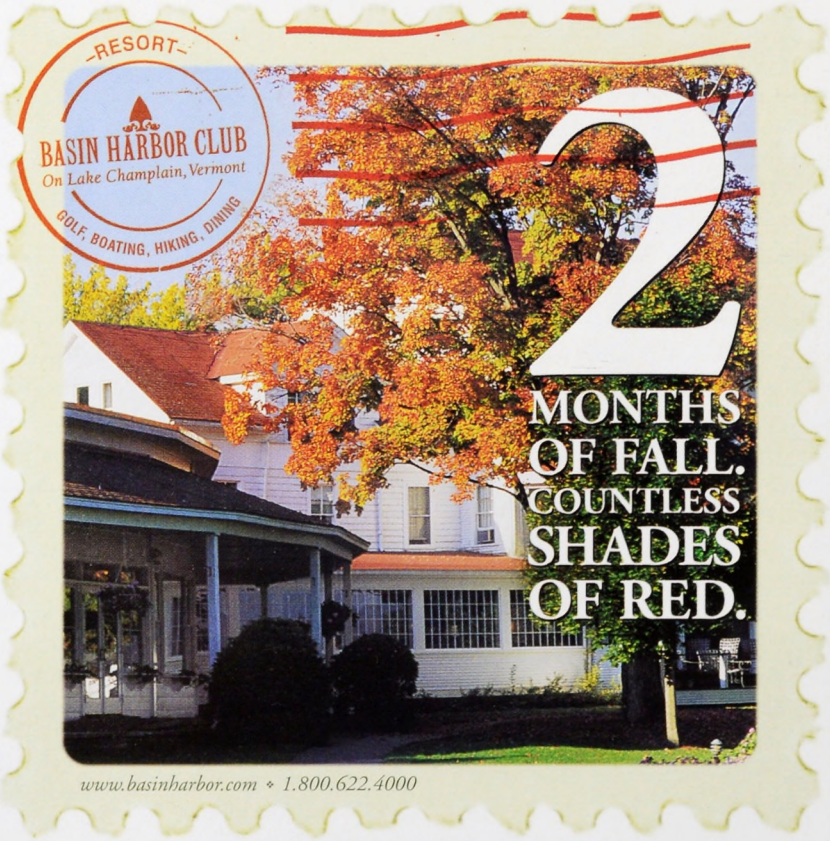

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Remembering Lake Pleiad

When I saw the cover of the summer issue, I immediately thought of my many visits to Lake Pleiad near the Middlebury College Snow Bowl. A friend in the French School introduced me to this gem my first summer, and I was hooked. The swimming was divine, and the lake, which was more like a large pond, featured lively beaver activity. I remember watching the creatures swim across the water in the twilight, their crossings punctuated by an occasional startling slap of the tail.

Many thanks for stirring this remembrance of things past.

Carl Little, M.A. French '86
Mount Desert, Maine

Green with Admiration

The summer 2002 edition contained numerous items to which I'd like to respond.

As a federal prosecutor for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and as a conservationist, I was delighted to see that Michael Silberman '02 brought the green pledge to Middlebury graduation. I strongly urge that this tradition be carried on and that the pledge be extended to include the words "and in my daily life." ("I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organizations for which I work, and in my daily life.")

I'm in my 17th year with the agency; the present administration is, in my opinion, orders of magnitude more wrong-headed than even the Bush I or Reagan administrations in terms of environmental policy and enforcement. Still, I respect the fine job Ari Fleischer is doing, and he certainly reflects well on Middlebury. I do not know Mr. Fleischer, but he embodies my sense of Middlebury as being composed largely of liberal students and conservative alumni.

Congratulations to Dane Springmeyer '02 on winning a Watson Fellowship. I am an avid hawk watcher, a member of EPA's Partners in Flight program, and a member of the Hawk Migration Association of North America. I urge Dane to contact me as I know several people involved in

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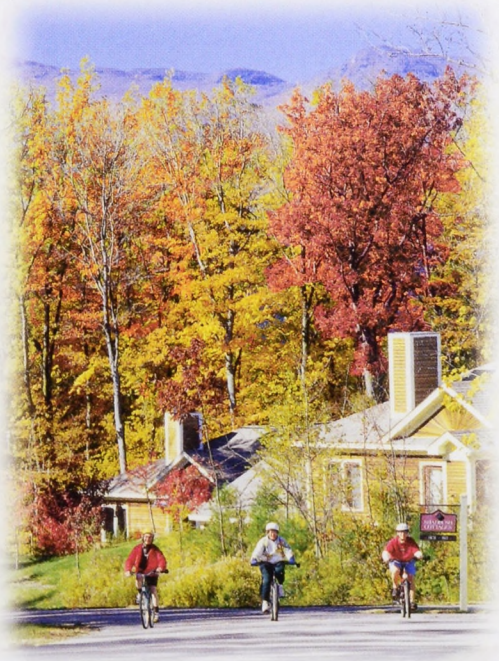

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international raptor migration programs who may be of some assistance.

Congratulations too to Ron Schildge '03 on his creative use of used vegetable oil to fuel his diesel Jetta. If we are ever to make any progress on the immense global environmental problems facing us, we must make huge improvements in our use of fossil fuels. Ron, must you drive a diesel car?

Karl Lindholm's ('67) article on Mchakamchaka running and singing brought tears to my eyes. What a beautiful picture.

I was heartened to see such fond recollections of Dean Erica Wonnacott. My experience with her was not so fond. She summarily tossed me from my senior class dorm, Forest, and stuck me in a sophomore basement, Lang, after another student complained about my partying. As a lawyer I now realize that what infuriated me about the incident was the lack of "due process."

Finally, Andrew Beierle's ("Magic Mountain," summer 2002) mention of a woman named Pancake winning an award called Bakeless struck me as humorous. I was heartened to see the Bread Loaf tradition of excellence continued as my uncle, Bob Pack, ran it with such love for many years, years ago.

Carl R. Howard '81
New York, New York

Don't Blame U.S.

The letter in your summer issue by Dana Wentworth Coles '72 saddened and angered me. The fact that *Middlebury Magazine* would lend credence to the misguided thinking she espoused by publishing her diatribe is shameful.

Suggesting that "we, America, must bear some responsibility for what happened on September 11" is plain wrong. A society that promotes the equality of all peoples, freedom of religion, meritocracy in free markets, and government of, by and for the people (I could list many other obvious and enviable traits) should not be made to pay for its way of life through the mass murder of thousands of innocents and deliberate destruction of property. Any argument to the contrary carries no logic, notwithstanding America's operation of a "Military Industrial Complex." Perhaps Ms. Coles should ask her neighbors in Oxford, those who experienced the blitzkrieg, what their opinion is of America's "Military Industrial Complex."

I truly sympathize with Afghans who lost loved ones in accidental bombings and readily admit to not understanding the culture of Central Asia. But keep in mind that this culture forced women to cover themselves from head to toe in public and stoned them (only the women, mind you) for the sin of adultery. I cannot fathom a culture that advocates the removal of a hand for petty theft (abolition of cruel and unusual punishment, another obvious, enviable tenet). I find the tradition of emptying automatic weapons into the sky at weddings to be quite foreign and wonder if their past use brought about more somber family gatherings. I hope these images are myths popularized by the Disney/GE/ Westinghouse/AOL media conglomerate, but I fear they are not. One wag opined that bombing Afghanistan into the stone age would advance their culture by generations.

The only responsibility the United States bears is to prevent events similar to those on 9/11 from ever occurring again, anywhere. How we accomplish that is up for debate, but, rest assured, diplomacy is not a viable option for those who 1) claim no sovereignty, 2) would steal large jet planes and fly them into the planet's most populated buildings. If their message is other than one of hatred, I have yet to hear it explained. Perhaps "French, German and Italian television" has a more enlightened view, but Ms. Coles failed to share it.

Peter D. Milkey '80
Mount Kisco, New York

Confounded by Rankings

U.S. News has come out with yet another set of college rankings, available online.

I was wondering if someone from the College would be so kind as to explain what in the world *U.S. News* is up to in its rankings. In particular, I find the following quite confusing:

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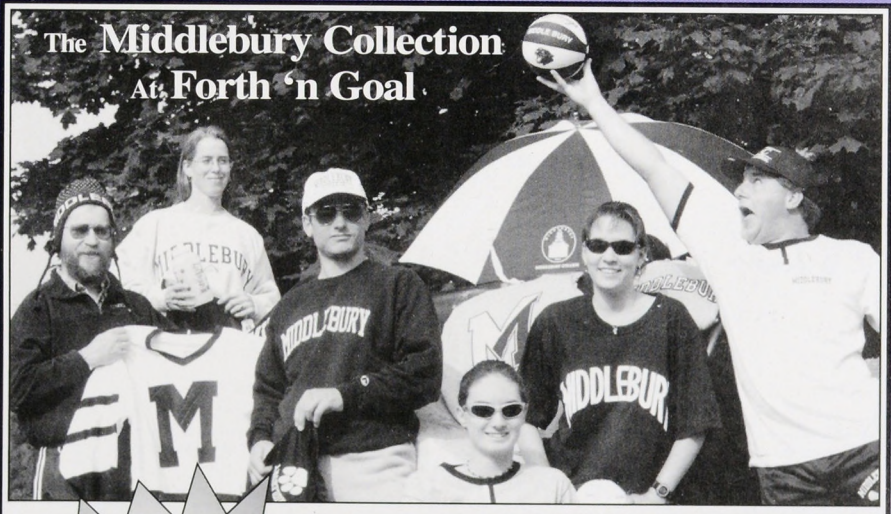

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2. What does being 29th in faculty resources mean? I remember much discussion my last year at Middlebury (i.e., two years ago) that Midd was moving to increase its salaries to the middle of the top third of the 21 schools to which we are compared—that would mean somewhere around 3–5 in faculty salaries among the 21. According to *U.S. News,* 35 percent of the faculty-resources ranking is based on salaries (adjusted for cost of living, which should also help Midd, where cost of living is certainly lower than in many places). Meanwhile, 30 percent of the score is based on the percentage of classes with 20 students or fewer, in which Midd is ranked 11th, better than Williams and Amherst—both have a far better "faculty-resources" score than we do. So does anyone at Midd have an idea why we rank so low in faculty resources, even though in two of the biggest components of faculty resources (65 percent of the score) we should do very well?

It seems to me that these two elements of the ranking (faculty resources and selectivity), alongside the dismal alumni-giving rate compared to the schools above us (that's something that we alumni all could do something about!), and what seems to me to be a very unfair (and subjective) peer-ranking score of 4.3 on a scale of 5, are what bring Midd to seven, rather than one, two, or three in the rankings.

It amazes me that Smith, with no money and an acceptance rate of 54 percent, is higher in peer review than we are, but that is something we can do little about, I guess. With 29 in faculty

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resources, a 4.3 on the peer-ranking score, and a less than 50 percent giving rate, it is pretty good to be in seventh place.

Irakly Areshidze '00
Washington, D.C.

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Your Alumni Association

I am often asked, "What is the Alumni Association? How does it benefit me?" The answers demonstrate the breadth and depth of interaction between the College and over 23,000 Middlebury alumni.

Formed in 1824, the purpose of the Middlebury College Alumni Association is *"to unite the graduates and former students of Middlebury College in dedication to the course of education for themselves and others; to support the president, trustees, and faculty in the enrichment of the College; and to foster a spirit of fellowship among the members for their mutual enjoyment and welfare."*

The Alumni Association has always been a proponent of alumni concerns and opinion. In *The Town's College,* historian David Stameshkin details the College's struggle to decide whether to admit women in the late nineteenth century. When May Anna Bolton, a Middlebury High School graduate, brought the issue to a head by seeking admission in 1882, the Alumni Association formally requested that the College change its admission policy. Although this request was denied, the policy was ultimately changed in the summer of 1883, and May Belle Chellis became the College's first female graduate and class valedictorian in 1886.

Today, the Alumni Association is no less important in representing the views of alumni and providing guidance to our alma mater. Foremost among our active roles are the following:

- Communicate the opinions and interests of the alumni to the College and share the College's priorities with alumni.
- Represent the alumni to the College community, including the administration, faculty, and students, and to the trustees.
- Provide guidance on major issues affecting the College and alumni.
- Support the fund-raising efforts of the College.
- Provide informed, experienced, and motivated volunteer leadership to the College.
- Serve as an advisory board to the Alumni and Parent Programs Office, assisting with program development.
- Provide programming, training, and guidance to the 16 regional alumni chapters and regional organizations located around the world.
- Generate ideas for improvements to the existing programs by working through the existing committee structure: Admissions, Career Services, Student-Alumni Relations, Nominating, Chapters, Class Secretaries, and Communications.
- Nominate MCAA Board members and executives, alumni trustees, and alumni-award winners for achievement in their field or volunteer service to the College.

I invite all Middlebury alumni to maintain a close relationship with the College. As graduates of Middlebury, we are all part of the same family. Become involved in your regional chapter's activities. Volunteer to work with the Career Services Office, through MiddNet Online or the internship program. Interview prospective Middlebury students with the Alumni Admissions program. Serve as class secretary, class agent, or on your reunion committee. All these activities, sponsored and guided by the Alumni Association, provide you with opportunities to continue your Middlebury experience well beyond your four years at "the College on the hill." *—Kim P. Loewer '76, President, Middlebury College Alumni Association*

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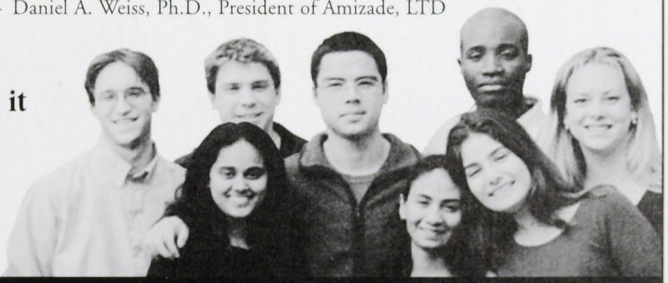

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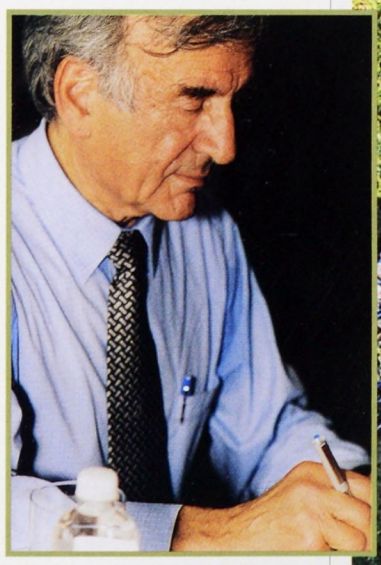
September, I Remember

ELIE WIESEL has had an intimate experience with tragedy and loss. A survivor of the Holocaust, he's seen the worst the world has to offer; he's stared evil in the face, but he won't compare tragedies; he won't assign scale or scope. "It's diminishing to the victims," Wiesel told the Middlebury community on September 10, 2002. "Every tragedy must be considered unique."

More than 1,000 people turned out to hear Nobel Peace Prize winner and prolific author Elie Wiesel speak about the horrors of 9/11. As Mead Chapel filled to capacity, hundreds of students, faculty, staff, and Middlebury residents flowed onto the granite steps and down the hill. Many gathered in groups; others sat alone, or reclined on the grass, staring up through the trees to the crystal blue sky, as Wiesel's soft, yet powerful voice emanated from assembled speakers set up on the lawn.

It was the second day of class at Middlebury, yet the bustling campus had drawn to a halt; even the youngest children in the audience didn't wriggle or squirm, despite the unseasonable heat. As Wiesel spoke, it was as if the crowd fell into a trance, hypnotized by the gentle sound of his voice, by his respected opinions, and by their personal remembrances of the tragedies of that day.

Wiesel echoed the belief of many that the terrorist attacks of last September—launched without warning, without



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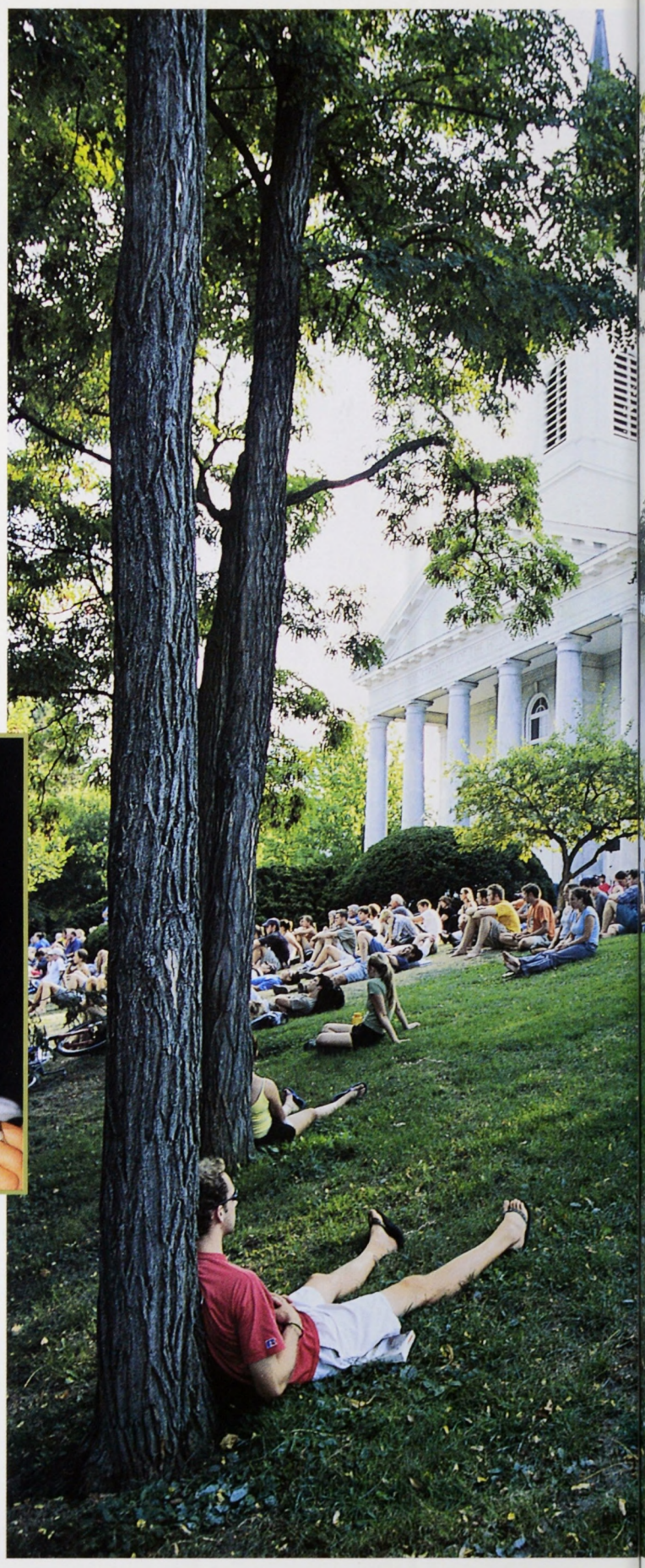

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With Mead Chapel filled to capacity to hear Elie Wiesel reflect on 9/11, many students gathered outside, listening to Wiesel's powerful voice piped through an external sound system.

demands, without explanation—represented a new form of terror. "They renounced language," Wiesel declared. "It's as if they wanted us to know that their language was death itself."

He stressed that anger should not give way to ignorance, and he warned about the dangers of assumption, of blaming an entire population based on the actions of a few. "What my life has taught me is never to pass collective judgment on any community," he advised. "Only the guilty are guilty."

Wiesel attempted to bring a sense of closure to the tragedy but admitted that he, too, still had questions, for which there may never be answers. He has chosen to take the moment of response—when firemen and policeman became heroes, when blood banks had to turn people away because support was so great—as his answer to what good came of that day.

In the days immediately following 9/11, a lot of attention was paid to the civility that seemed to permeate the nation. Over time, as the flow of daily life returned to "normal," it seemed as if this civility had worn off. Yet on this day, as Wiesel spoke, students gave up their seats for the elderly, doors were held open, kind words were exchanged.

"I don't want my past to become your future," Wiesel implored. Among the pews and beneath the shadow of the spire, there seemed to be a collective resolve to build for a better future.

—Lindsey Whitton '05

LIVE BROADCAST

Middlebury writer-in-residence and award-winning novelist Julia Alvarez '71 appeared on National Public Radio's Talk of the Nation on September 11. Broadcasting from the College's Public Affairs Office, Alvarez read poetry and joined a panel discussion on the value of collective mourning.

Woolf's Creator Comes to Middlebury

EDWARD ALBEE STUNNED THE WORLD IN 1962 with his provocative Tony award-winning play *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* Taking on previously sacrosanct American values (marriage, the family) and using language that shocked theatergoers at the time, Albee's play signaled a sea change in modern American entertainment, breaking taboos and ushering in an examination of "real values" in American society, a trend that dominated the latter half of the twentieth century. Who better, then, to open the 2002 Nicholas R. Clifford Symposium, *Art Matters: Visions for the Arts in the 21st Century*.

After delivering the symposium's keynote address, "The Playwright vs. The Theatre," in Mead Chapel on September 19, Albee appeared in a more intimate setting—the Seeler Studio Theatre—the following day for a reading of his play *Three Tall Women*. The Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright took part in a panel discussion following the reading.

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Center for the Arts, the Clifford Symposium featured an array of performances, workshops, and exhibits, ranging from a gospel concert to a screening of David Lynch's critically acclaimed film, *Mulholland Drive*.

PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB HANDELMAN

If You Build It, They Will Come

THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE THE DEDICATION of Ross Commons on September 13, Mother Nature threatened to spoil Ross's day. With the completion of a new 275-seat dining facility (Ross Dining) and a 67-bed student residence (LaForce Hall), the first phase of a restructured residential life system—part of the College's effort to create small communities where living, dining, and learning all take place in the same area—was set to be unveiled, when a gentle September rain began to fall. As planners scrambled for umbrellas, a truck full of cakes created to resemble a rhinoceros (Ross's mascot) arrived; unfortunately, the dessert had slipped off its plate and was unceremoniously deposited face down in a heap. It was not shaping up to be a red-letter day.

And then, as a crowd began to assemble moments before the ceremony was to begin, the clouds broke, and the rain stopped. And while a few dark clouds loomed ominously behind Ross Dining, it appeared it would be Ross's day after all.

"The completion of Ross Commons is a milestone that marks the College's embarkation on a bold and ambitious commitment to life and learning at Middlebury," President John M. McCardell, Jr., declared. "This initiative means that we are very serious about our intention to redefine, here at Middlebury, what it means to be a residential college."

Located on the western edge of campus, Ross Commons is the first of five Commons to be completed. Consisting of Ross Dining, LaForce Hall, and four preexisting dormitories now connected to the new buildings by an enclosed walkway, Ross Commons has come to embody what President McCardell envisions as a "comprehensive learning environment," where the confluence of residential, academic, and social life substantially contributes to the educational experience of Middlebury students.

Construction on the $19.5 million project began in September 2000. LaForce Hall, the new senior residence, was designed to provide senior students with high-quality housing. Consisting of four-bedroom suites and single rooms, LaForce Hall also offers such conveniences as communal kitchens and a student lounge. The new dining hall, providing views of the Adirondack Mountains, features four food stations that offer fare ranging from pizza and deli items to meals cooked on a Mongolian grill.

Ross Commons is named for Eleanor Ross, class of 1895, who was appointed as Middlebury's dean of women in 1915, during the era of separate men's and women's colleges. LaForce Hall is named for the late Arnold R. LaForce, a member of the class of 1935 and trustee emeritus. LaForce served on the Board of Trustees from 1961 until 1980. He chaired the board from 1976 to 1980. *(For more about the Middlebury Commons System, turn to page 34.)*

ROSS ONLINE
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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW Photographer Bob Handelman climbed high atop LaForce Hall to capture this shot of the 2002 Staff Recognition Awardees

KUDOS TO STAFF

Four Middlebury College staff members were honored by President John McCardell in September, inaugurating an annual series of staff awards intended to recognize those who—through leadership, stewardship, attitude, and community service—make Middlebury a better place to study and to work.

The 2002 Staff Recognition Awards were presented to:

THOMAS CUTTER, director of Computing and Network Services, Information Technology Services

PAUL LAROCQUE, first cook and chef, Bread Loaf and Le Château, Dining Services

LINDA ROSS, assistant director for Custodial Services, Facilities Management

CHARLOTTE TATE, assistant director, Center for International Affairs

The fund to support the Staff Recognition Award is endowed by Rudolf K. Haerle, Jr., professor emeritus of sociology.

BEANEY (TEMPORARILY) LEAVES THE ICE

Men's ice hockey coach BILL BEANEY is taking a sabbatical from coaching during the 2002–2003 academic year to work for a five-month period in the College Advancement office, where he will assist with fund-raising. He will return to the ice for the 2003–2004 season.

HERZLICHEN GLÜCKWUNSCH HERR RICHTER!

German School director JOCHEN RICHTER was awarded the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. The medal, presented to Richter on behalf of German president Johannes Rau, is bestowed on those who further German culture and language abroad.

Richter is one of several Middlebury College German School directors who have received the award, the most recent of whom was Konrad Kenkel, the 1996 award recipient. Kenkel teaches German in the foreign study program at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. He received the award for his work there and at Middlebury.

ON THE DIAL

DAVID COLANDER, Christian A. Johnson Professor of Economics, was featured on National Public Radio's afternoon news program *All Things Considered* on July 24. Colander joined *Smart Money* senior writer Lauren Young and host John Ydstie in answering listeners' questions about recent corporate scandals and the plunging stock market. This was Colander's second appearance on *All Things Considered*.

BOTH A HEALER AND A WORDSMITH

GARY MARGOLIS, director of the Middlebury Counseling Center, has been named the first recipient of the annual Sam Dietzel Award for Mental Health Practice in Vermont. In addition to his 20 published papers in counseling journals, Margolis is an accomplished poet who teaches in the English department at the College. His latest book of poetry, *Fire in the Orchard*, published by Autumn House Press, has been nominated for three prestigious poetry awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for 2003.

The Dietzel Award is given to an individual whose mental health work continues a lifetime commitment to intensive psychotherapy grounded in a deep respect and compassion for the growth potential and intrinsic worth of every human being.

NO ENGLISH SPOKEN HERE

Students in the Arabic School found a harmonious way to practice their language last summer by belting out tunes in the Singing Club.

Comprised of faculty and students, the Singing Club is one of eight clubs sponsored by the Arabic School. Meeting twice a week, the clubs help further the immersion aspect unique to language study at Middlebury.

"The cocurricular program (not extracurricular!) provides students in each school with abundant opportunities to use their newly acquired skills virtually 24/7," says Michael Katz, dean of language schools. "It's also a great way to interact outside the classroom with faculty and students at all levels."

There's a New Class in Town

THEY'RE ALL WONDERFUL OF COURSE, all 695 first-year students entering Middlebury in September and February. Some, however, have taken unique paths to the Champlain Valley.

JONATHAN BERLINER is ranked 32nd nationally in freestyle skiing and competed in the 2001 Junior Olympics.

JENNA BOYLE cofounded the nonprofit organization Dream a Little Dream, which seeks to aid disadvantaged children. She also competed in the Miss Teen America national contest, where she was a top-15 semifinalist.

ALEXANDER HOPCRAFT grew up on his family's 20,000-acre game ranch adjacent to the Serengeti Plain in Kenya. He speaks Swahili and has coauthored a book, *How It Was with Dooms,* which describes his childhood relationship with a pet cheetah.

DIVYA KHOSLA has served as the student adviser to His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. Divya has attended The Hague Appeal for Peace Conference (1999), the Conference on International Law and Diplomacy (2000), the International Conference on Human Rights (2000), and the World Conference Against Racism (2001).

SHARYN KOREY spent a year studying at the Rock School, the official school of the Pennsylvania Ballet.

AUSTIN KRISSOFF is a member of the U.S. Junior National Downriver Kayak team. He's competed in world championships in Austria (1998) and Italy (2000).

MICHIO PAINTER formed the Bainbridge Island (Wash.)Roller Hockey League, which now consists of 120+ participants and a permanent outdoor arena.

JONATHAN WARNOW is the founder of the Ethical Index Organization, an outfit created to harness the buying power of the public, while supporting environmentally and socially responsible businesses.

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STATES REPRESENTED
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VERMONTERS
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AMERICAN STUDENTS OF COLOR
100

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
52

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
29

TOP 10% OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS
74%

TEAM CAPTAINS
328

SETS OF TWINS
1

OBOE PLAYERS
6

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Middisms

AS THE CAMPUS LANDSCAPE CHANGES, so too does the campus vernacular. A student living in Mods may have missed lunch at Proctor, so he'll have to swing by The Grille on his way to Bi Hall. Sound like gibberish? If so, you may need to brush up on your Middisms.

A-FRAMES Student housing next to Freeman International Center

BATTELL BEACH A big grassy area near Battell Halls

BI HALL Middlebury's Bicentennial Hall, the new science center. *(See page 28)*

CIDER MILL A five-mile run along Rte. 125 and Cider Mill Road

COMMONS The College's residential-life system. *(See page 34)*

COVERED BRIDGE Another popular run around town, which crosses over Middlebury's famous covered bridge

CROSS-COUNTRY TRAIL A peaceful trail for running, walking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing, which loops around the forest in back of Pepin Gymnasium

FEBS Students who begin their first year at Middlebury in February, as opposed to September

FOO February Outdoor Orientation. A program that helps Febs comfortably adjust to Midd by participating in activities with new classmates. See also, MOO

THE GRILLE The student hangout in McCullough, featuring live music, a juice bar, eatery, Internet access, mini-theatre, pool tables, and a video-game room

MARS The automated registration system that students use to register for classes

MIDD-EXPRESS The campus convenience store, located in the McCullough Student Center

MODS The new modular housing units in Ridgeline

MOO Middlebury Outdoor Orientation. A program that helps first-year students comfortably adjust to Midd by participating in activities with new classmates. See also, FOO

PAK A student's random number, used to register for classes

PROCTOR The largest dining facility on campus

VOTER The computer center

MIDD'S NEW GREEN HOUSE

Don't let the old silo fool you: The structure to its left is a brand-new facility, architecturally integrated into the Vermont countryside, that now houses the College's Recycling Center. Located on Route 125, away from campus space constraints, the recycling operation enjoys sufficient sorting space, room for trucks, and a screened work yard.

WonderWoman

JULIA BERGOFSKY IS THE BEST WOMAN ATHLETE IN DIVISION III

BY JAKE CHAPLINE

IT'S THE LAST SUNDAY in August, and Julia Bergofsky '02 is packing up for college. Suitcases and boxes stand in the driveway of her family's home in Exeter, New Hampshire, as she tries to figure out how to fit everything into her Ford Explorer. Some treasured items require careful handling: a large, framed print of Old Chapel, a group photo of the seniors who played on Middlebury's women's lacrosse team last year, and a framed photo of Peter Kohn field.

This is the same end-of-August routine that Bergofsky has known for the past four years: load the car, drive to college, move in, start preseason field-hockey practice. But instead of driving north to Middlebury, she's headed south to Trinity College, where she'll be a graduate student and an assistant coach for field hockey and lacrosse.

Obviously Bergofsky is taking a lot of Middlebury memories with her, but she's given the College some things to remember, too. As a midfielder in both field hockey and lacrosse, she helped to

An athlete's athlete, Julia Bergofsky helped power the women's lacrosse and field hockey teams to four national championships during her career at Middlebury.

PHOTOGRAPH BY HENRY HOPKINS

power her teams to four NCAA championships. She was a regional All American three times (once for lacrosse, twice for field hockey) and a national All American twice for lacrosse. Last June she received the National Honda Award as the best woman athlete in Division III.

Each year, a Honda Award committee selects a national player of the year in 12 sports in each NCAA division. Then all of the division's schools vote to select one of those 12 players as the national Woman Athlete of the Year. Bergofsky was named the player of the year for lacrosse just after her team won its second consecutive NCAA championship in May, wrapping up a perfect 18-0 season. A few weeks later, she learned that she had been chosen as the Division III Woman Athlete of the Year.

That news came as no surprise to anyone at Middlebury. "I was often teased by her teammates for yelling during games or practice, 'Julia, you are AWESOME!' " laughs Missy Foote, who coached Bergofsky in lacrosse and field hockey. "She played midfield in both sports, so she was always involved at both ends of the field and needed both offensive and defensive skills, great endurance, and great game sense. She was the high scorer on the lacrosse team this year —quite a feat, considering that midfielders play all the way at the other end of the field with our zone defense, so she had to run the length of the field to get the ball to score."

When Bergofsky came to Middlebury, she already had many of the qualities that make her a great athlete: determination, speed, endurance, and the ability to catch anything anyone might throw at her. She'd been playing both sports since she was a little girl, attending camps and clinics and competing in summer leagues. She was a standout player at Phillips Exeter Academy, where she attended high school, and she was a sprinter on the track team, too.

But Bergofsky quickly realized that she was going to have to make some adjustments to play at the college level. "When I arrived for preseason training for field hockey my freshman year, I was taken aback by how much faster everything happened," she recalls. "I knew I wasn't in high school anymore. So I just decided to focus on my strengths. I said to myself, 'OK, I know I can run fast. I can be aggressive. I can work hard.' "

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And she did work hard—two hours a day of distance runs, hill sprints, lifting and stick work between seasons, three to four hours a day during the season for each sport (which amounts to almost six months a year). "Missy always said there was no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing. She wanted us outside running, even in the winter," Bergofsky says.

She now thinks that those grueling practice sessions were among the most valuable hours she spent at Middlebury. "Just developing this mental toughness—learning that I could do things I didn't think I could—that's a huge life lesson," she says. And there were many other lessons learned through practice and competition. "Missy always stressed that everything you do on the field relates to life: how you react to adversity, how you bounce back, how you treat other people, how you approach a practice. . . . So I learned a lot about attitude, too."

Bergofsky would have been a memorable player even if field hockey had been her only sport, but it was in lacrosse that she was really dominant. Foote cites an incredible series of goals Bergofsky made in the second half of the lacrosse team's final NCAA game in 2001. "We were losing to Amherst by six goals," the coach recalls. "Despite the natural tendency to become emotionally and physically frustrated, Julia remained calm. . . . She scored the first goal of our comeback, assisted on the next goal, then scored two more in the half. We won the game in overtime! She never looked frazzled, tired, or worried, despite the terrible odds against such a comeback."

"There are so many times when Julia has played a key role in the team's success, but the goals, assists, and amazing plays are only a small part of what makes her such an outstanding player," says Kate Clark '02, Bergofsky's lacrosse teammate for three years. "Julia is a prime example of a person who plays for and with her teammates. She is never selfish and is always looking for opportunities to make her teammates shine."

Middlebury compiled a 65-2 record in women's lacrosse during Bergofsky's four years on the team and was undefeated in the last two seasons. In her senior year, she led the team in goals with 48 and had 24 assists for 72 points. She finished her career with 145 goals and 58 assists for 203 points—sixth on the College's all-time scoring list.

By the time Bergofsky learned that she had been chosen as the Division III Woman Athlete of the Year, she had accepted the coaching job at Trinity, where she'll be studying for a master's degree in public policy, and she had several summer coaching assignments lined up.

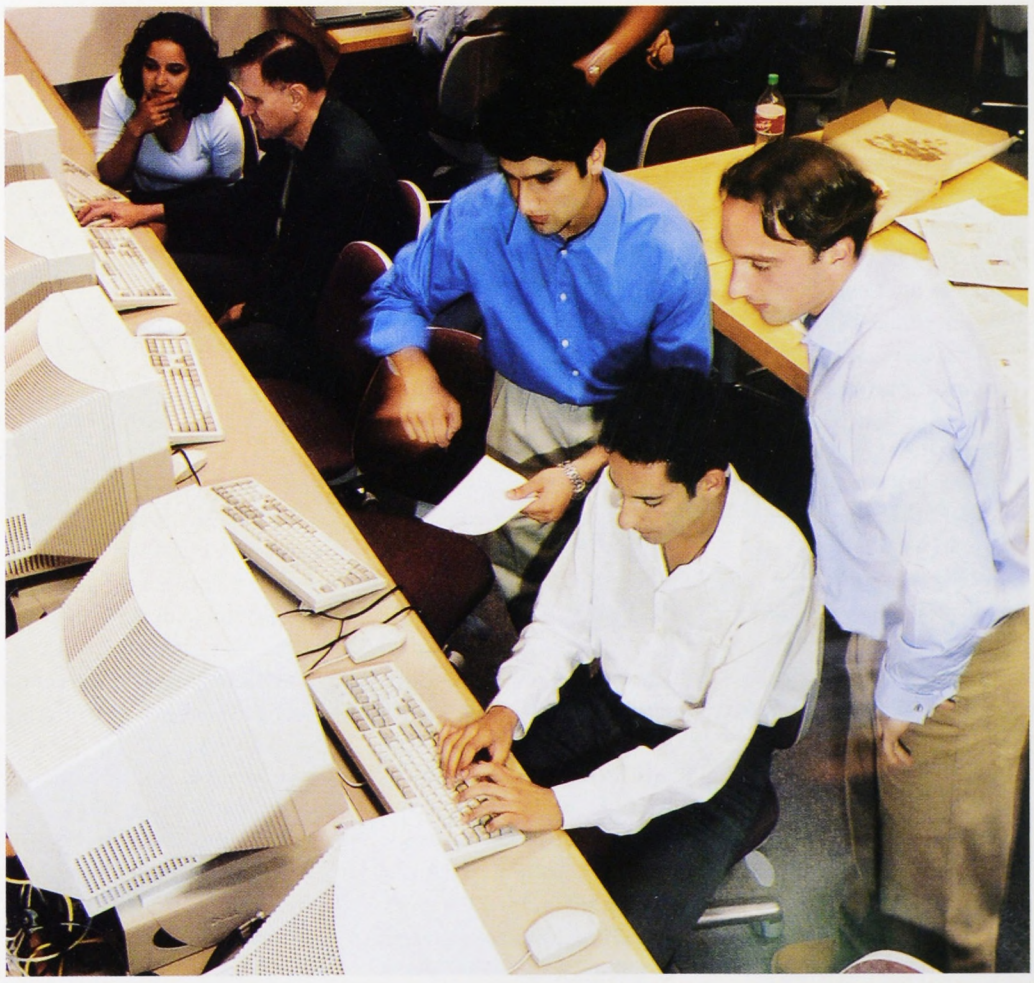
"The coaching I did was a good warm-up for Trinity," Bergofsky says. "It's fun to go to camps and see all these girls in the same position I was in a few years ago. . . . There are girls who are really there to play, and I can see it in their eyes: They're going to go far. I definitely look at them and say, 'Wow, I wish I could be in their shoes again.' "

Jake Chapline was guest editor of Middlebury Magazine *for the spring and summer issues.*

Vested Interest

STUDENT INVESTORS MAKE MONEY FOR MIDDLEBURY

BY FRED STETSON '65



Since 1994, the Student Investment Club has managed a balanced investment portfolio, now worth more than $150,000, for the College.

MUNROE 214 does *not* look like a classroom—it looks like a financial trading room in the throes of major activity. Members of Middlebury's Student Investment Club (SIC) scan computer monitors. Data flashes before them. Fingers blur over keyboards. Someone shouts advice. Someone else pleads for quiet.

For hours, these Middlebury students from Pakistan, the Netherlands, Bangladesh, Italy, Japan, and the United States study the screens, quickly digesting information, gaining a stock trader's edge. When someone suggests a break for dinner, his colleagues shout him down. Like the young and driven of Wall Street, they order pizza.

This scene occurred during two days last April when the Student Investment Club competed in an Internet financial trading contest sponsored by Pennsylvania State University.

Daisuke Hotta, a Middlebury exchange student from Keio University in Japan, "was the winner of the event, by a large margin," says Scott Pardee, Alan R. Holmes Professor of Monetary Economics and SIC adviser. "He had help from Andy Cobb '03 and Samir Mastaki '05, who together worked out the mathematics of the valuation model used in the game."

"The simulation was so entertaining that, even at night, we all logged onto the game online and kept trading," says Mastaki, the SIC copresident.

Members of the SIC do much more than simulate trading, however; they invest a por-

PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB HANDELMAN

tion of the College's endowment and provide consultation about College finances. "I have made stock presentations, which were taken seriously and accepted," says the club's secretary, Pieter Nijnens '05.

In 1994, Middlebury trustees allocated $100,000 of the College's endowment to the Student Investment Club for management. The trustees hoped students would become, not necessarily skilled money managers, but intelligent and informed contributors to the process of college governance, by engaging in this very tangible exercise. "It's enough money," said Dort Cameron III '67, then chairman of the Board of Trustees Investment Committee, "so you have to bring a serious attitude" to the task.

By several accounts, the SIC students are not only serious, but cautious. "They've been rather conservative," says Professor Pardee, commenting on the students' approach to investing. The portfolio reached a high of $197,000 in the fall of 2000.

As of August 30, 2002, the value was $156,172, representing .025 percent of the College's endowment. The SIC portfolio included 29 percent cash, 17 percent fixed-income funds or bonds, 14 percent health-care securities. The balance included energy, financial services, technology-media-telecom, industrials, transportation, and aerospace and defense.

In a presentation before the Middlebury Trustees Investment Committee last May, the students showed that their total portfolio outperformed the Standard & Poor's 500 by about 10–15 percent over the prior 12 months. The trustees liked the SIC presentation so much they extended it 55 minutes beyond the 20 allotted, and they invited the students to return on an annual basis.

At weekly meetings, SIC members present and discuss detailed securities recommendations. Sometimes their debates are sharp and extended. They decide a security's fate by taking a vote if they cannot reach a consensus.

When bad news came out about Tyco, Pardee recalls, "one of the club presidents called me and said 'we think we should get rid of Tyco stock.' " The SIC members "sold it early enough, before it got knocked to shreds, and before the really bad news came out."

More recently, Nijnens says the SIC's approach has become even more careful. "We have also taken a far more cautious approach to investing as analyst reports and forecasts were already starting to be scrutinized and scandals started to emerge."

Soon after the trauma of September 11, Eli Sugarman '02, an international politics and economics major, proposed buying stock in Lockheed Martin, a company that makes "planes, missiles, and other implements of war." The SIC accepted his arguments and purchased Lockheed Martin at $44. As of July 30, the price was $63, a gain of 30 percent.

Students, faculty, and businesspeople concerned about the need for socially-responsible investing gathered on campus last April to discuss purchases such as Lockheed Martin. "We felt that Lockheed Martin was going to outperform [others], and it was a good stock in the aftermath of September 11," Sugarman explains.

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"Before you start talking about socially responsible investing," Pardee recalls saying at the meeting, "let's start with the idea that the first objective, when dealing with the endowment, is to increase it. If you have a $700 million endowment and you get one percent more as a result of your investments, that's $7 million. You can do a lot with $7 million—*like* give scholarships to needy students, *like* invest in facilities for science."

Mashrib Zahid '02, the club's copresident at the time, spoke to the audience, "I come from Bangladesh. A lot of people are highly critical of companies that take advantage of the slack regulations in developing countries and employ children to work in their factories. But I would like to ask, what alternatives do these children have? If they don't work, they'll probably starve to death. Don't you think they have the right to survive?"

Ethical issues such as these are often discussed in Middlebury's economics courses and within the larger college community. "Middlebury is very ethically concerned, and honesty and sense of duty are the first words that come to my mind when I think of a Middlebury education," says Mastaki.

As Middlebury students explore the world of finance, this kind of thoughtful consideration is paying off. One of Pardee's students, Greg Wiener '02, detected problems at Enron early on, while highly trained professionals pleaded ignorance. "If a senior at a liberal arts college like Middlebury can detect problems just by looking at published annual figures, how can all of those CPAs and MBAs on Wall Street fail to blow the whistle?" asks Pardee.

As members of the Student Investment Club address real-world issues, they are gaining valuable experience and skills that will surely have a positive influence in the financial community of the future. Their careful approach to club activities and the investment of Middlebury's endowment demonstrates just how much they care about the business world they are about to enter.

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Many Voices

NEW FICTION, POETRY, ART AND THEATRE, AND HOW TO CONDUCT A JOB INTERVIEW

BY SARAH VAN ARSDALE

A TRIO OF NEWLY MINTED NOVELS by Middlebury alumni illustrates the range of contemporary fiction in terms of style, subject, and theme. And all three have that fundamental quality that keeps readers turning the pages: good writing.

Each of these books explores one of the most perplexing questions in fiction and memoir writing: Where lies the line between memory and fabrication? *Author of Destiny* (University of West Alabama Press) and *Some of the Parts* (Akashic Books) both take on this question directly, while *The House on Eccles Road* (Graywolf Press) takes a more elliptical approach.

In *Author of Destiny,* **LEE WILLIAMS** (M.A. Spanish '97) has woven together the voices of an eclectic cast of narrators, each of whom tells his or her version of the events leading up to the death of a Cuban general. In taking this approach, Williams has created a lively, funny romp through the political history of Cuba, all the while exploring ideas about fiction, truth, and objective reality.

The narrators' voices are distinct, and while the reader may feel at first a little befuddled by the complicated nature of the book, the threads soon sort themselves out, and the story of the search for the truth becomes more important than the answer to the question of what "really" happened to General Ochoa.

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T COOPER '94 also uses several voices to tell one story in *Some of the Parts,* but her narrative is more direct. The hero of the book, Isak, is a character of indeterminate gender, having started life as Thea, yet being called alternately "sir" and "miss" by strangers. Isak's journey through the self-doubt and perplexed anguish of early adulthood intersects with that of Taylor, a confused and breathtakingly gorgeous girl.

This story is told by four characters, but the narration slips seamlessly into one story; like Williams, Cooper is adept at maintaining distinctive voices and at keeping the twists of the plot unexpected and compelling. The character of Isak is altogether charming, likable, and very sympathetic.

Some of the Parts was a quarterly selection of the Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers program.

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JUDITH RANDELS KITCHEN '63 has created a story considerably more meditative and old-fashioned in style and tone in *The House on Eccles Road.* It reads like a modern *Mrs. Dalloway,* with long, thoughtful descriptions of the internal world of the protagonist, Molly Bluhm, during the course of one day, June 16, 1999. Yes, the book is inspired by James Joyce's famous character Molly Bloom, attempting to answer the question of what would happen if Molly Bloom were at the center of a tale set in the present.

While this book has a more straightforward narrative than the other two, Kitchen moves without a break from one point of view to another,

PHOTOGRAPH BY TAD MERRICK

bringing in the preoccupations and deliberations of a cast of characters, each of whom is equally interesting. *The House on Eccles Road* is a fine example of voice, narration, and the best use of poetic descriptive detail.

NEW ENGLAND'S POETS

NEW ENGLAND has been home to some of the most loved and prolific writers of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and this trend shows no sign of letting up, as Professor **JAY PARINI** and Professor Emeritus **ROBERT PACK** point out in the introduction to *Contemporary Poetry of New England* (Middlebury College Press).

Every American student grows up with the likes of Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and others who have "contributed to our imaginative possession of this region," the editors state.

"The region has virtually teemed with poets, native born and (rather commonly) imported. What these poets have done is make the landscape and history of this region their own; their poems have grown from, and contributed to, the landscape and history before them in a complicated process, as the connections between language and reality have been explored."

The collection includes the work of such poets as Mark Doty, Brad Leithauser, and Richard Wilbur, who have long been associated with New England, and work by new poets and those who have taken New England as their adopted home, including Julia Alvarez '71, Emily Wheeler, and Jennifer Bates.

Like all the best poems, these use place as the net for skimming the waters of human experience. In "Our Town: Middlebury, Vermont," Jennifer Bates describes landing in Burlington: "If you've chosen to travel in winter,/the snow will glitter, a sheet of white/as clean as the narrow sheets someone/placed on the bed you will sleep in tonight." John Canaday '83, in "Spring Cleaning," describes how in a woman's ritual of cleaning "She feels a sudden faint, sweet twinge of thirst . . . her reverie wells up like a bruise."

People associated with Middlebury are sure to find several poets here whose names and work they recognize, whether as alumni, faculty, or guest lecturers. And many of the poems are bound to evoke the feeling of Vermont, such as with Alfred Nicol's "Salt Marsh": "See how the wide circle of the sky fades where it meets the low hills. The long grasses/shimmer from here to there. The sound of birds/trickles from an unseen spring. Sudden/multitudes of wings fan and thrum the air."

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From the first pages of *Born Too Short* (Atheneum) by **DAN ELISH '83**, the plight of the protagonist is made clear: "The point was this: What was a guy to do when his best friend was Keith Livingston, a stud/athlete/Adonis who went through girls faster than most guys riffle through their top drawer for a clean pair of socks?"

The rest of this novel for readers age 12 and up presents a sophisticated, surprising story of a typical kid suffering the alienation and general torment that go with the territory of being a denizen of eighth grade. Matt Green, 5'1", nerdy, nowhere near as successful as his best friend, finds a way of getting some revenge, thanks to a little magic realism—but then his guilt takes hold.

The voice here is engaging, believable, and often very funny. Elish has created another antihero for preteens to identify with.

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Trends in art come and go, and it's no different for the lively Spanish lyric theatre, known as zarzuela. In recent years, an increase in tourism to Spain and opera singers like Placido Domingo and Teresa Berganza, who have included zarzuela in their performances, have enhanced its reputation.

VINCENT J. CINCOTTA (D.M.L. Italian '72) presents a compendium of information about this art form in *Zarzuela: The Spanish Lyric Theatre* (University of Wollongong Press). He includes a history of zarzuela, biographies of composers and librettists, and synopses of 20 popular zarzuelas. The book is illustrated with photographs of recent zarzuela performances, portraits and caricatures of the composers and librettists, and replicas of posters and handbills from some of the most popular shows.

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For Vermonters and Vermont-lovers alike, the art of **SABRA FIELD '57** has come to hold a special meaning, since much of it captures the undulating green hills of Addison County and the deep blue waters of Lake Champlain. In this second printing of *Sabra Field: The Art of Place,* 13 new images have been added to the original collection, with an introductory essay by Tom Slayton, editor-in-chief of *Vermont Life* magazine. Included are prints that have made Field a popular New England artist, including *Middlebury from Cornwall,* which Field created to celebrate the 35th anniversary of her class. But the book also affords a wider view of Field's work, including family portraits, images of places as far from Vermont as London and the Caribbean, and prints that are deeply influenced by Japanese traditional art.

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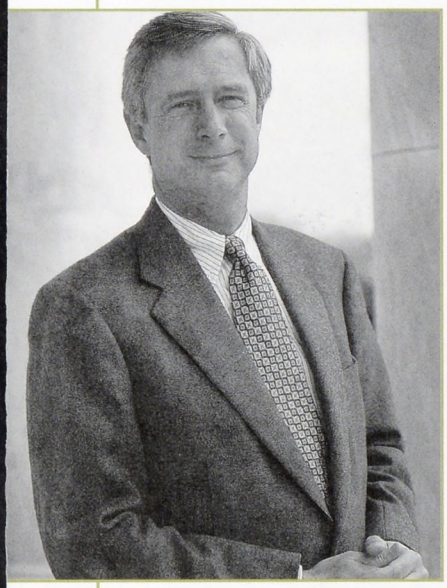
The publication of the fifth edition of the job-market classic, *The Evaluation Interview* (McGraw-Hill) by **RICHARD A. FEAR '31** and Robert J. Chiron proves once again that the more things change, the more they stay the same, even in the quixotic world of the modern workplace.

The book, first published 44 years ago, offers sound—and tried—advice for the job interviewer, with concrete information about everything from the use of facial expressions during the interview to the legal restrictions on what questions a job applicant can be asked. Written in clear, concise prose, *The Evaluation Interview* outlines how an interviewer can substantially increase the chances of hiring the best applicant for the position.

Choosing Early Choosing Well

IS EARLY DECISION A DYING TREND OR A WELCOME CHOICE?



BY JOHN M. MCCARDELL, JR.

LAST WINTER President Richard Levin of Yale University urged his fellow Ivy League presidents, and the larger higher education community, to end the practice of binding early decisions in the admissions process. In April 2002, the University of North Carolina became the first major, highly selective university in the country to accept President Levin's challenge and drop its binding early decision program. At most colleges and universities, early decision means that if a student has decided that a single institution is where he or she wants to go, an application submitted by an early deadline (in Middlebury's case November 15) will receive a decision by a similarly early date (at Middlebury by December 15). A student who applies early decision and is accepted is bound to attend the institution—hence the term "binding early decision." Most institutions also have "early action" programs, with later deadlines, which are not binding, as well as "regular" admissions with the traditional January application deadline and late March notification. Middlebury offers an Early Decision II option, with the same January deadline as regular applicants, with binding early action. But that is not the object of Ivy concern; the current fuss involves binding early decision.

What's the fuss about? "What has transpired," remarked Richard Shaw, Yale's dean of admissions, in a *Yale Daily News* interview, "is not what any of us would have hoped for, and that is the rush by students to make a decision very early in their high school experience to the extent that they are forcing themselves into a decision to applying early somewhere." Other critics of early decision contend that, because many institutions select as much as 45–50 percent of their classes early decision, the odds of acceptance are more favorable, and this statistical reality favors students from certain kinds of schools and households, who are thus unfairly advantaged in the competition for a spot in a chosen institution's entering class. Anxiety and fairness, then, appear to be the principal arguments against early decision.

Let us examine each of these arguments. Anxiety is impossible to quantify. Any parent of a high school senior, however, would probably find it difficult to calibrate anxiety relative to a decision to apply for admission to college by a certain date. Indeed, one might argue, along with George Rupp, now retired as president of Columbia University, that filling out six or eight applications and then waiting several months for results, is as apt to produce anxiety, and is arguably more "exploitive," in President Rupp's words, than early decision. It is indeed plausible to argue that a little bit of anxiety is not by definition a bad thing. I am not at all certain we would be pleased if four years of what we believe to be a challenging academic experience at Middlebury College were judged favorably by the degree to which they were anxiety free.

Anxiety may also be caused, however, by parent or peer pressure to apply prematurely to an institution that may in fact not be an appropriate choice. My colleagues in

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the Admissions Office have seen little evidence of such pressure among the Middlebury applicant pool, and that may be because we go to great lengths in our communication with prospective students to discourage impulsive or premature application decisions. Each September John Hanson, dean of admissions, writes the following to more than a thousand college counselors throughout the country:

"...[W]e ask your cooperation in not encouraging ED applications from students who may be only 'leaning' toward Middlebury. We would much rather have those students test their interest in us by applying to a representative number of similar institutions and using the winter months fully to explore the advantages of each."

That leaves fairness, and here the argument is somewhat more substantive. There is no doubt that, at Middlebury, from a strictly statistical point of view, the odds favor early decision applicants. Of the slightly more than 5,400 applicants for admission to the Class of 2005, 548 applied early decision, and of these, 182 were accepted, approximately one-third of the entering class. Since these decisions were binding, all 182 became matriculants as a result. The acceptance rate, then, was 33 percent, or one in three. The acceptance rate for regular admission was slightly more than one in four.

These figures may or may not strike you as significantly different, and they do not tell the whole story. First, because of the cautionary position Middlebury takes on the subject, our Admissions Office believes that a very high percentage of our Early Decision applicants are truly committed to attending the College and will not (indeed do not) find themselves subsequently regretful that they made a decision prematurely. These students are indeed motivated to come here. Second, because of this high level of motivation and knowledge, the academic credentials presented by students admitted early are quite strong. "The self-selecting nature of the two pools (early decision and regular) makes the ED pool stronger," argues John Hanson, and thus in many ways the ED pool is *more* competitive. Nor is there evidence to suggest a lack of diversity, since 12 percent of early admits to the Class of 2005 were American-born students of color. Finally, because the College maintains a policy of need-blind admissions and meeting full need, there is not (there cannot be) any discrimination against students needing financial aid. In the Class of 2005, 28 percent of early decision admits received financial aid (as opposed to 34 percent of the whole class). Not incidentally, successful early decision applicants save hundreds of dollars in application fees. As John Hanson puts it, "The concern that wealthier students attending savvier schools have an advantage is true only if a college lets it be true, and that risk applies in the regular decision process as well as ED. Colleges that are truly committed to diversity in their entering classes, like Middlebury, should not have a problem with this."

For us, early decision appears to work well, attracting highly motivated students for whom Middlebury is an enthusiastic first choice.

In addition, failure to be admitted early decision is simply that. In the past cycle, 26 percent of those deferred in the early admission process were subsequently admitted. Thus, it is hard to argue that the College fills a too-high percentage of its class with early decision applicants or that the ED process is less competitive than the regular process.

It is also a regrettable fact that some institutions engage in the dubious practice of encouraging early application because their financial aid may run out before all their regular decisions are made. Others "low-ball" their financial aid offers to ED applicants on the assumption that the binding nature of the decision will translate into a student's willingness to sacrifice in order to attend. These practices do not exist at institutions that are need-blind and meet full need, but they tend to taint many of the discussions that take place.

Thus, Middlebury College is not inclined to eliminate its early admissions program. We will watch with interest the impact of such decisions on other campuses and will also pay attention to whether advocacy for change goes beyond rhetoric. For us, early decision appears to work well, attracting highly motivated students for whom Middlebury is an enthusiastic first choice. These are not students we should seek to discourage.

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I owe you at least a brief report on my spring sabbatical. I have never received more comments on a column than I did in response to my planned sabbatical reading list. Your comments and suggestions were most insightful. You should know that I worked my way, with great pleasure, through a good portion of that list. A special treat was Michael Pollan's *The Botany of Desire,* and an unexpected but riveting distraction from my proposed list was Robert Caro's latest volume on Lyndon Johnson. I am reminded of Browning's words on a man's reach exceeding his grasp, "or what's a heaven for?" My time in South Carolina may have been heavenly in spite of falling short of my ambitious goal, and it is good to be back on duty at Middlebury.

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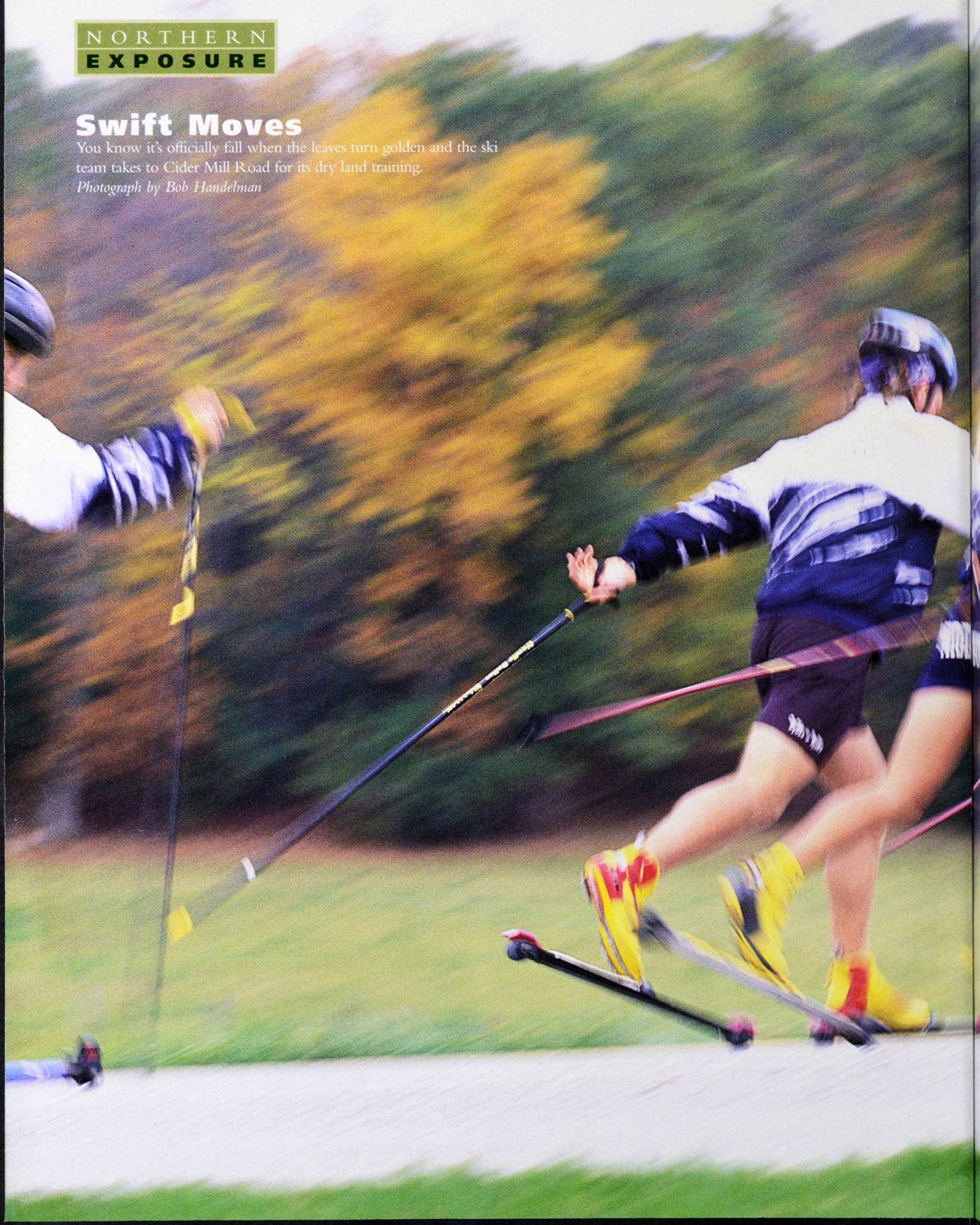

Swift Moves

You know it's officially fall when the leaves turn golden and the ski team takes to Cider Mill Road for its dry land training.

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Science Fare

STREPTOCOCCUS PARASANGUIS, AN ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROMETER, HUMAN PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPERIMENTS—JUST A FRACTION OF THE MENU AT BICENTENNIAL HALL

BY ED BARNA

On one floor, two eager but uncertain students and their calm faculty biochemist mentor wait while vacuum-insulated tanks of liquid nitrogen and liquid helium gradually bring an analytical instrument to the six degrees above absolute zero necessary for superconductivity.

On another floor, a student painstakingly documents findings from a core sediment sample taken during an expedition to the rim of Antarctica, so evidence from past climatic changes can help determine the causes and effects of global warming.

On yet another, a student in the Geographic Information Systems laboratory inputs data and pictures from Vergennes, so that three-dimensional imaging software can help "The Smallest City" envision the likely effects of different scenarios for planning and development.

And at a table by the great chalkboard in the Great Hall, psychology students offer all comers the chance to earn $10 in 30 minutes—and to help determine parameters that might some day assist men and women in forming more lasting relationships.

Bicentennial Hall doesn't take a summer vacation. There may be fewer classes availing themselves of its splendidly situated conference spaces, but the science students who remain on campus make up for that with their intensive use of the eight-story structure's resources for state-of-the-art research.

It's a time for close faculty mentoring, collaboration between teams of students, and sharing of results with others in different fields. Above all, Bi Hall is about real science, the kind less likely to appear in papers about "What I did last summer" than in conference presentations and coauthored articles for professional journals. From the ground-floor rooms where field expeditions wash and store their gear to the 24-inch telescope in the rooftop observatory, this is a building that works.

A colossus astride its ridge, this massive multidisciplinary meetinghouse had no chance of fitting easily into its rural setting. Neighbors complained: Even with its air-circulation equipment high in the air, the noise from ventilators became an issue, and the original system had to be scaled back. Designing Bi Hall's profile to recall Addison County's barns may have helped a little, but it still stands out from miles away, to the point where even on campus there are more than a few people who think it is overbuilt. Folklore has declared it to be Vermont's biggest building, though certain hospitals and factories would have something to say on that score.

As Jeffrey Byers, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, observed, the choice of an architectural design firm for Bi Hall came down to three candidates, and the one selected stood out precisely because of a willingness to meet real needs rather than displaying an egoistic insistence on an aesthetic concept. If critics of the building could hear faculty members talk about how it was designed around their input, and how much better it is than the demolished (and fully recycled) Storrs Avenue science center, their opinions might moderate.

Middlebury College is grounded in the belief that a liberal arts education will continue to be the best preparation for making a societal contribution, even in an increasingly scientific and technological world. Building Bicentennial Hall was one way of resolving what some have called "the problem of the two cultures." Its towering presence makes a powerful statement that the liberal arts

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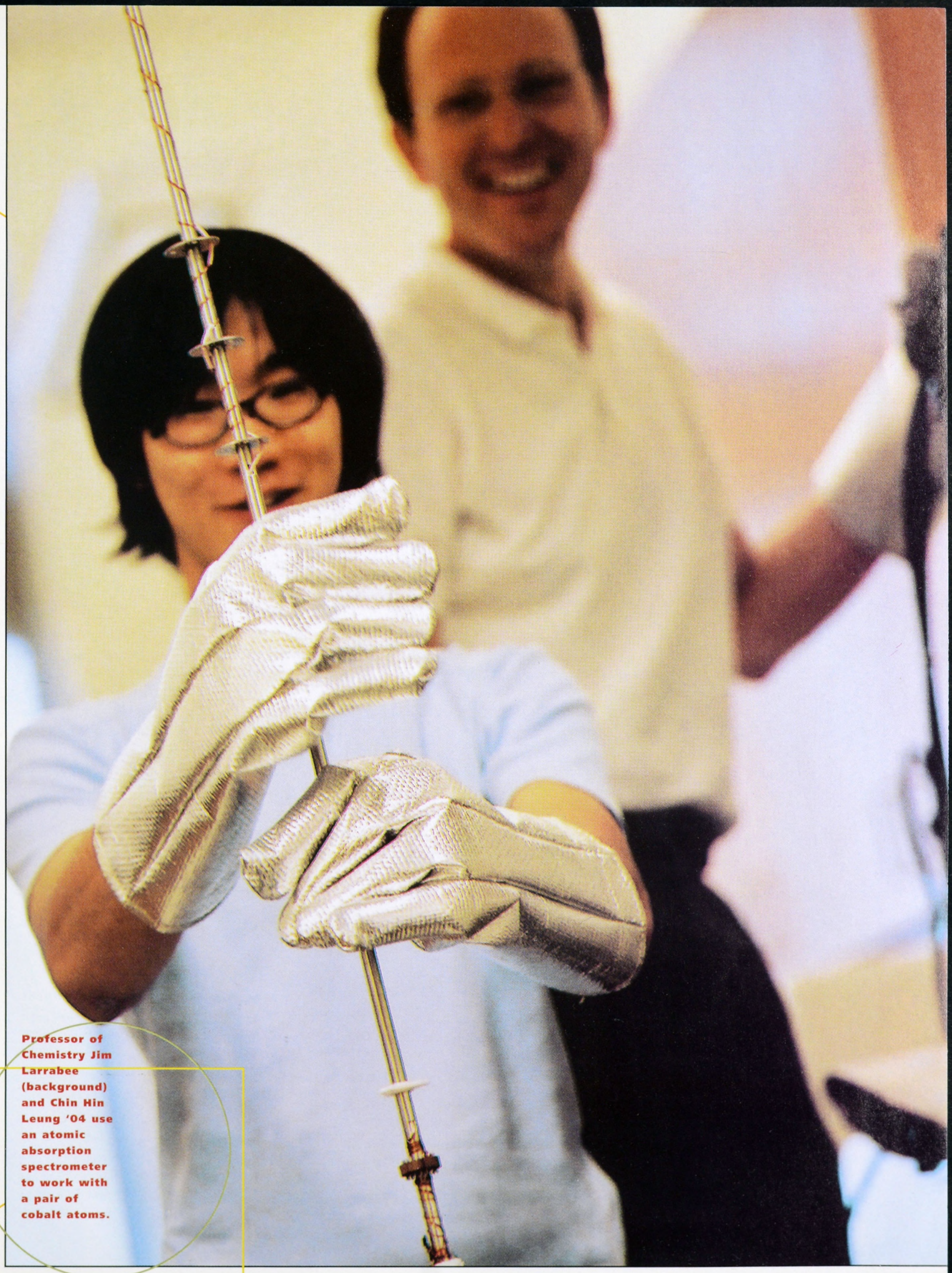

Professor of Chemistry Jim Larrabee (background) and Chin Hin Leung '04 use an atomic absorption spectrometer to work with a pair of cobalt atoms.

belong in the sciences and that the sciences are vital to education.

Especially undergraduate education. Any account of Bi Hall's long-term effect upon its surrounding culture should include the value of the generations of researchers likely to emerge from it.

The growth in the central importance of the sciences is the logical outcome of long-term trends, not only on the Middlebury campus, but throughout the country. The trend really took hold during the cold war, when the shock of seeing the Soviets put up the first satellite, Sputnik, in 1957, turned history's lessons into an imperative. Since then, an enormous network of grants has grown up, some governmental, some industrial, some private. One of the key people behind Middlebury's scientific research is Frances Vinal Farnsworth '73, coordinator of sponsored research, who helps the scientists with the gotta-get-a-grant imperative that has come to supplement academia's older "publish or perish." By her count, 20 grants came to Bi Hall faculty in 2001–2002 alone, part of what has become an annual million-dollar-plus infusion.

When astronomer Frank Winkler arrived in 1969, "there wasn't a lot of scientific research going on here on campus. It was kind of a gleam in some people's eyes." James Armstrong, president from 1963 to 1975, helped shift the emphasis away from reading about science to doing it, by seeking new faculty who could research as well as teach. In addition to turnover, the fact that the College has nearly doubled in size since the 1960s—adding a commensurate number of faculty positions—has helped the transformation, Winkler observed.

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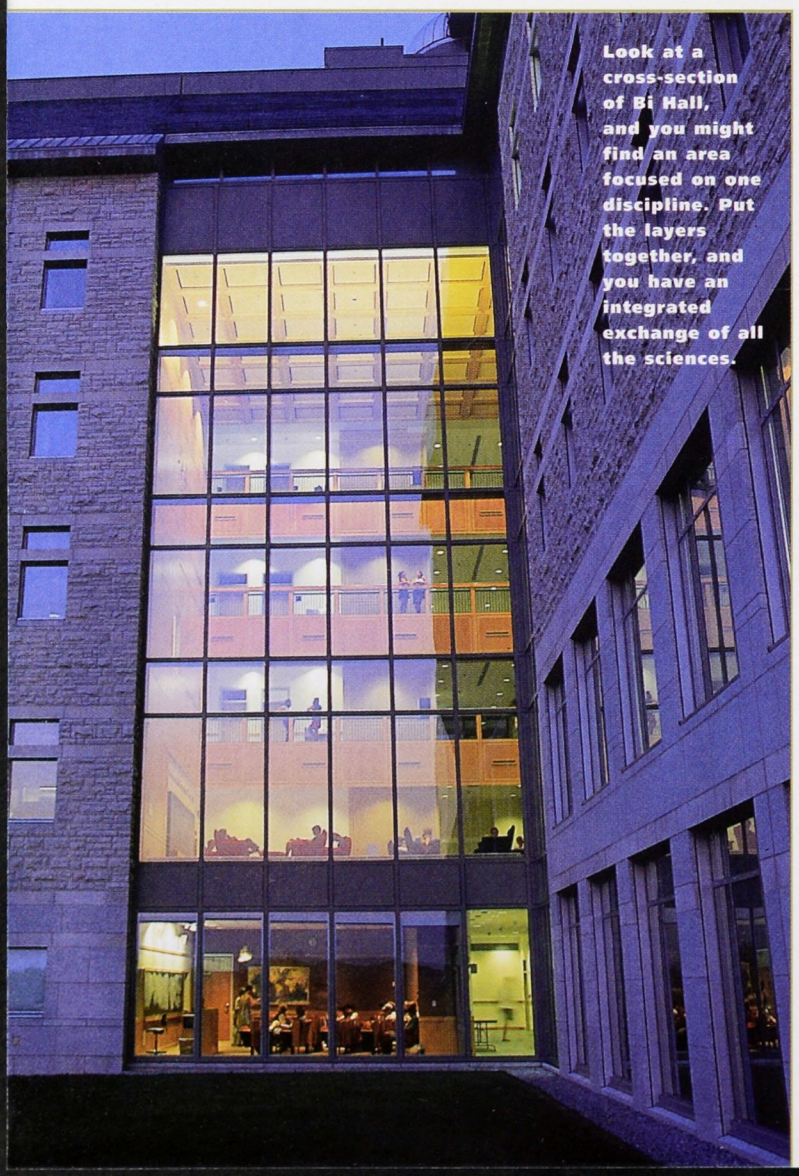
But at the undergraduate level, the emphasis was still on "cookbook" laboratory experiences, as the faculty now call experiments that illustrate principles or replicate classic discoveries. Winkler, and Byers as well, pointed out that in the old science center small labs were placed next to faculty offices, for faculty use. Moreover, the walls were made of concrete, literally setting this pattern in stone, despite science's information explosion and paradigm shifts. Winkler called it "a given in any modern science building" that science is dynamic, "that one thing condenses and another thing expands, and you need a lab for something that didn't even exist 10 years ago." He can remember when Watson and Crick discovered the double-helix structure of DNA; now their two names are memorialized on a paving stone out front, while stories above, students routinely splice and clone genetic material.

As for Middlebury's summer undergraduate research, Byers said there was some initial concern that researchers mingling on campus with the summer language students might "pollute" the environment with their use of English. (The summer language students adhere to the world-famous pledge, to use only the language being studied at all times.) Today, science students know to keep quiet when necessary, or they can shift to the native tongue of their home country, while language classes do not hesitate to use the conference rooms located on each floor of Bi Hall, amidst each science department's space.

In July, bulletin boards held posters inviting the public to look through the telescope on the rooftop observatory, and the words "the stars" were translated into eight other languages.

Overall, there is "no comparison" between the state of student research now and when he arrived in 1986, Byers said.



Look at a cross-section of Bi Hall, and you might find an area focused on one discipline. Put the layers together, and you have an integrated exchange of all the sciences.

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Bi Hall is a kind of immersion experience in itself, and not just when students lose track of time monitoring experiments or avail themselves of the two-story science library's voluminous resources. Again and again, faculty members remark on how aptly the little side spaces were designed, chalkboard-equipped nooks and overlooks to which a teacher and student can step aside for an impromptu conference, or where a team at work on a project can have a problem-solving session. An exceptionally speedy elevator puts all floors within easy reach, a brilliant choice of infrastructure extremely conducive to spontaneous collaborations. Altogether, the building reinforces what the laboratories teach and multicollege grants promote: Science depends on teamwork. "The Edison Principle," one faculty member called it, is the recognition that the greatest invention to come out of Thomas Alva Edison's workshops was the idea of the workshop.

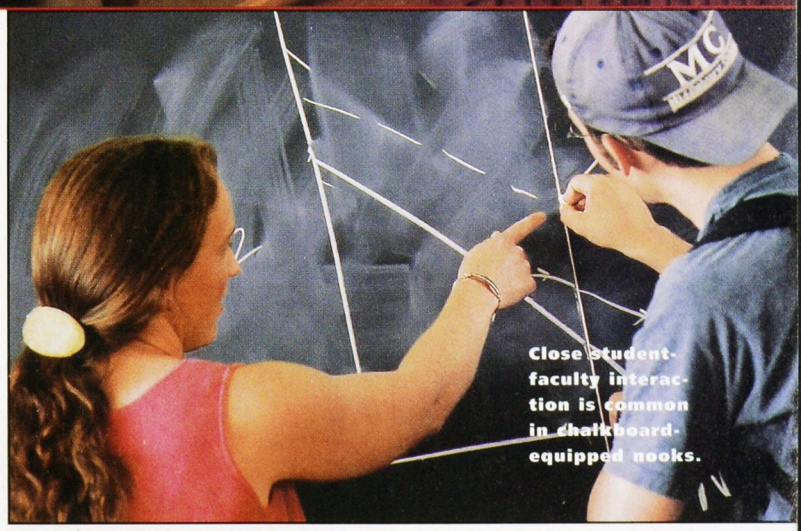
Scientific posters combine text, numbers, charts, and graphics to give a detailed explanation of student projects.

Add to that the way the building's corridors and transitional spaces are turning into a kind of inspirational gallery and museum. Prize-specimen minerals, curious antique scientific instruments, demographic posters, spectacularly colored maps, and more contribute to education-in-passing. The floor tiles, sections of slate, include fossils that are sometimes surrounded by geology students. Exhaustively explanatory faculty-student "posters" record past achievements.

Posters are the gigantic printouts that let researchers share their findings at conferences even though they do not have a place in the crowded schedule of presentations. Combining text, numbers, charts, pictures, and diagrams, they are generated by printers in Bi Hall that allow the creation of posters three feet wide by just about any length. In a classic example of how the liberal arts can mingle with the sciences, the student teams putting together these creations must acquire, share, and apply impressive graphic arts and digital imaging skills. Faculty posters on some bulletin boards quietly serve as inspirations and standards of quality.

Finally, there is the Great Hall—equipped with the biggest chalkboard of all (25 feet long by 8 feet tall at its highest point). On Poster Day this past summer, it was where students in different fields displayed their projects for each other. A relatively lighthearted event, it was nevertheless a dry run for students attending actual scientific conferences with faculty members, and peer questions helped prepare the next year's seniors for the ordeal of defending their theses.

When assistant professor of biology David Parfitt came to Middlebury three years ago from a big school in Michigan, his first reaction on seeing the Great Hall was, "What a waste. You could put a lot of laboratories in that much space." He has relented since, having seen all sorts of worthwhile things happen there. Some are



Close student-faculty interaction is common in chalkboard-equipped nooks.

mainly fun, such as the annual paper-airplane contest, in which the objective is to get a model craft from one of the southern balconies to the windowlike opening in the north wall (actually the southern end of a third-story corridor). Predictably, some planes veer off course and crash-land on the sills of the big west-facing windows, from which they must be retrieved by casting socks with a spinfishing rod so as not to shatter the glass. As of Poster Day, there was still one airplane on a little ledge, surreptitiously commemorating the event.

A bit more seriously, there was the Mitosis Dance, organized by biology lecturer Vickie Backus when her classes studied cell division. Half of each class executed the maneuvers of DNA dividing into two equal groups, while the other half observed from the upper stories, calling out corrections. Then upper and lower traded places.

For the summer researchers, the programs included joint student-faculty lunches, often set up in the Great Hall. Subtly, a point was being made: Though science has its different disciplines, all are motivated by a conviction that the universe follows general principles, and that ultimately the fields, academic and literal, connect. The open space of the Great Hall symbolizes such interconnectedness.

WORKSHOP WIZARDRY

BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN that Middlebury College students do real scientific research in the summer? What does it take to put scientific journal coauthorship credits on a resumé along with Middlebury's Bachelor of Arts certification?

Partly, it's managing equipment. Technology enables science, as well as the reverse. Bi Hall has a machine shop, woodworking shop, and metal shop, as well as dozens of rooms with signs warning about radioactivity. Real science these days is a matter of atoms, and things like a nuclear magnetic resonance analyzer make it possible.

When Ben Wessler '03 was asked to identify the important part of his summer experience, he said "Learning how research is done." By that, he meant that "the process of advancing the knowledge that we have is slow—and it's often frustrating."

The other side of that observation is that successful research takes commitment, determination, and focus. Professor of Chemistry Jim Larrabee, whose name was with Wessler's on a poster, has since 1977 been studying an enzyme called methionine-amino peptidase. As it turns out, that enzyme plays a key role in tumor formation, and it has become very relevant to find out as much as possible about how it functions.

Since all enzymes have a chemically active site, Larrabee was trying to substitute two cobalt atoms in its usual structure, and he was now trying to find how it was going with one of Bi Hall's most prized pieces of equipment, an atomic absorption spectrometer. This was the instrument that needed to be brought to 6 degrees Kelvin, with the help of Wessler and Chin Hin Leung '04, from Hong Kong. Difficult terminology? Specialization creates obscure vocabulary, but the reason it's obscure is because it's precise, and because it's precise, it's functional.

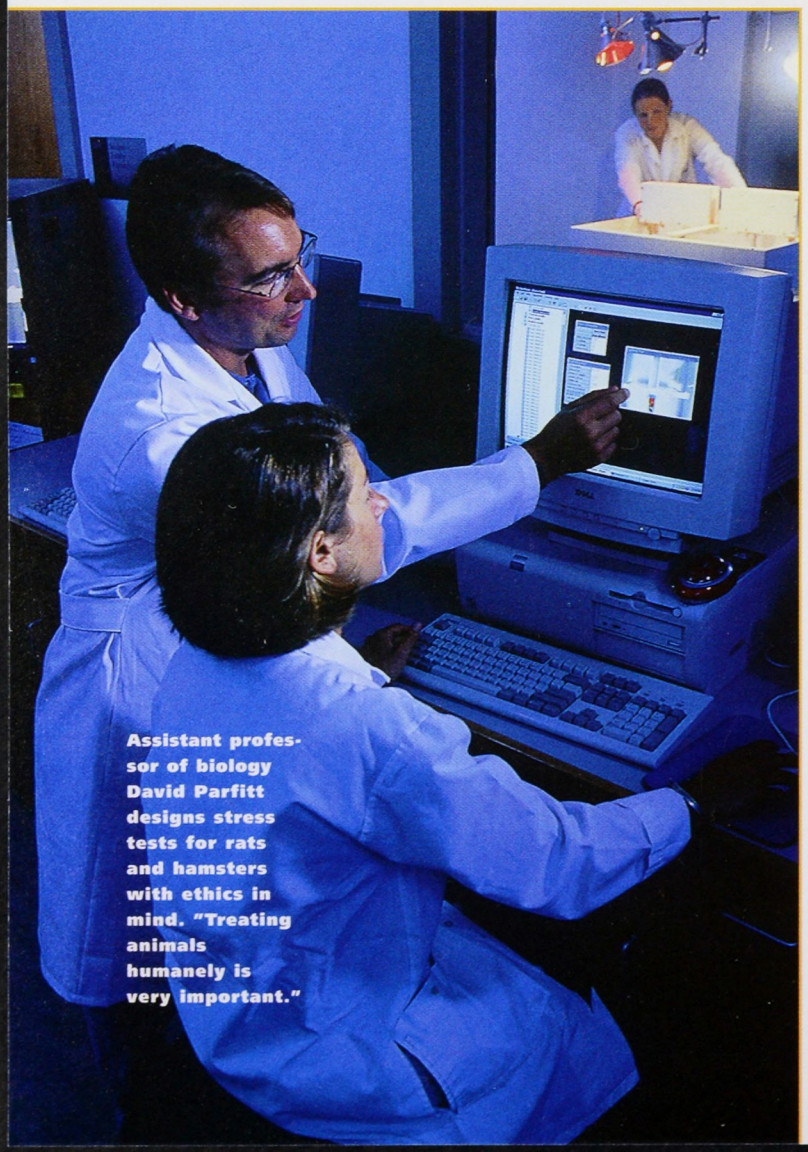
"Being able to concentrate totally on the subject I wanted to learn about," Leung said later, when asked about the best part of his summer experience. Also, "working closely with faculty" and "getting in touch with material we would never learn in the regular semester, having a direct connection to the faculty research. It's pretty valuable."

The students of Grace Spatafora, associate professor of biology, encounter a similar determination to keep plugging away toward that elusive answer or result. It *really, truly, seriously* bothers her that bacteria can outsmart humans, and she is hot on the trail of *Streptococcus parasanguis,* which induces dental plaque, and *Streptococcus mutans,* which produces cavities. More than 50 undergraduates have helped her use genetic and recombinant DNA to investigate how they function.

Here again, tough terminology comes with the territory. A poster in Spatafora's office recalls how past students helped with "Putative virulence gene regulation in cell surface hydrophobicity in *Streptococcus mutans.*" Another published paper, with the names of Neal Van Hoeven '98, Katherine Howard Wagner '98, and Paula Fives-Taylor following hers, discusses how "OFR3 at *Streptococcus parasanguis* fimA locus encodes a thiol-specific antioxidant."

This all matters, because in some susceptible people, the usually oral microorganisms can migrate through the bloodstream to the heart and cause a fatal inflammation. "My father was one of those people," Spatafora said.

After graduating from Duke, she spent 10 years as a graduate student, then came to Middlebury in 1992. With all her students, she makes sure to catalyze full and frank discussions of the ethical implications of what they and other schools involved with the Vermont Genetics Network are doing. "This is a very powerful technology," Spatafora said. "It's a Pandora's box. There are risks, absolutely, especially if we're talking about genetically engineering



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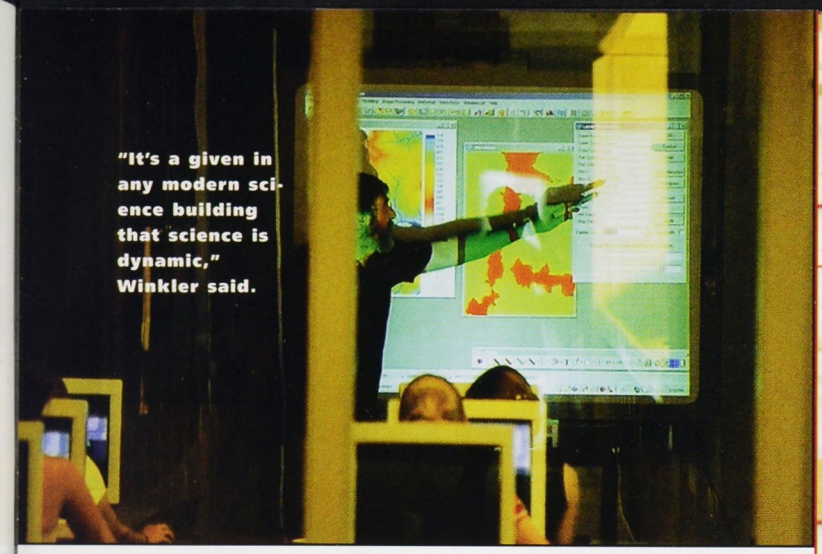
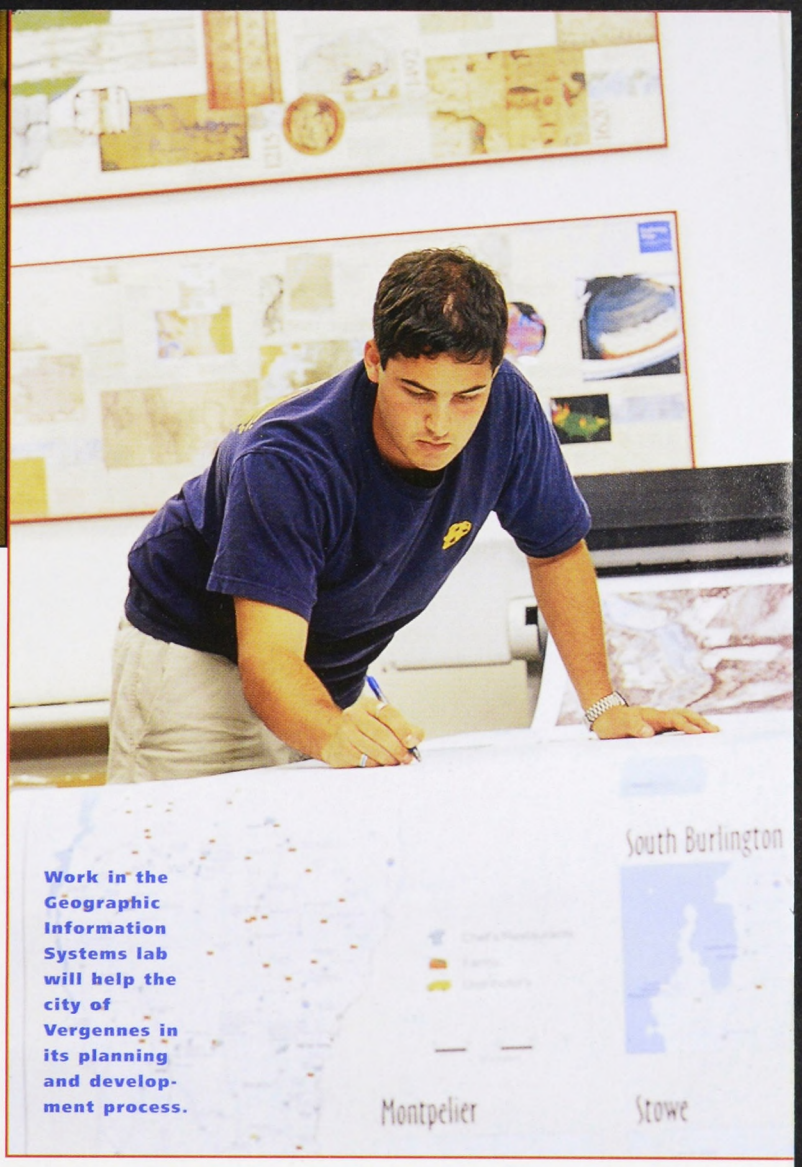


"It's a given in any modern science building that science is dynamic," Winkler said.



Work in the Geographic Information Systems lab will help the city of Vergennes in its planning and development process.

something that's released into the environment." There is a thick book of National Institutes of Health guidelines for genetic research, which gets updated regularly, but even that voluminous publication doesn't cover all the possibilities in such a rapidly developing field. "It's up to the researcher," she said. Lab manual? "There is no lab manual. I write it, and change it every year."

Ethical concerns are important in other fields as well, and nowhere more than in Parfitt's work with stress in hamsters and rats (news clip: a little stress during early childhood seems better than none or too much). "We always try to get data in a careful manner," Parfitt said. "Treating the animals humanely is very important."

Especially if the animals are *Homo sapiens,* as they were in psychological experiments being run by students of Susan Campbell, associate professor of psychology. Results from a statistically significant sample of more than 80 respondents in one test found that power relationships, not sex differences, accounted for differences in the ways both men and women reacted. Campbell was thrilled, anticipating the paper to be published: "It's rare that you get such a clear-cut result."

Anyone walking Bi Hall's corridors will notice the bulletin board postings, showing just how many faculty members are deeply concerned about the possible causes and effects of global warming. In that regard, no one is taking a more measured view than Patricia "Pat" Manley, associate professor of geology, who sometimes gets assistance from her husband, Tom Manley, a visiting assistant professor of geology. Pat is now two-thirds of the way around Antarctica with a project that is helping to judge current climate changes with reference to a long-term database. Heather Beal '03 was now hard at work analyzing core samples of sediments going back to the Miocene Epoch (23 to 5 million years ago). Different things fall to the bottom when there is ice, or open water, or an edge zone, so the shifts in climate can be tracked—after a lot of work with things like an X-ray defractometer and an inductively coupled spectrometer.

Manley said the undergraduates humorously dubbed the 57 days at sea the "Chickie Cruise," because almost all the participants were female—much to the surprise of the seamen managing the hired boat. "There is so much work to do," Beal said of her tasks, and on the Bi Hall ship, all hands are needed for standing watch.

Indeed, there is plenty for Middlebury to share with other schools, welcoming visiting student researchers and sending students away as part of networks such as the Keck Northeast Astronomy Consortium. "We are recognized by the National Science Foundation as having the kind of research for them to support bringing students here for the summer," explained Larrabee.

ROOM FOR MORE

POSTER DAY DONE, faculty and students gathered on the south side of Bi Hall for a celebratory barbecue, sitting together on the cemented stone seats, walking back and forth on flagstones sometimes bearing the names of great scientists. The faculty chose the names, so Alfred Russel Wallace is there as well as Charles Darwin for evolutionary theory, and Torsten Hagerstrand ("Innovation Diffusion") as well as Albert Einstein, and Marie Sklodowska Curie as the discoverer of radium.

Yet for every engraved stone, there are dozens without names. The message to the students is subliminal but real: There is room for many more great discoveries, and there is no reason why some of them could not be made at Middlebury. The words of Sir Douglas Mawson, which Manley quotes, about Antarctica could apply: "We came . . . to reduce this land in terms of science, but there is always the indefinable, which holds aloof yet rivets our soul."

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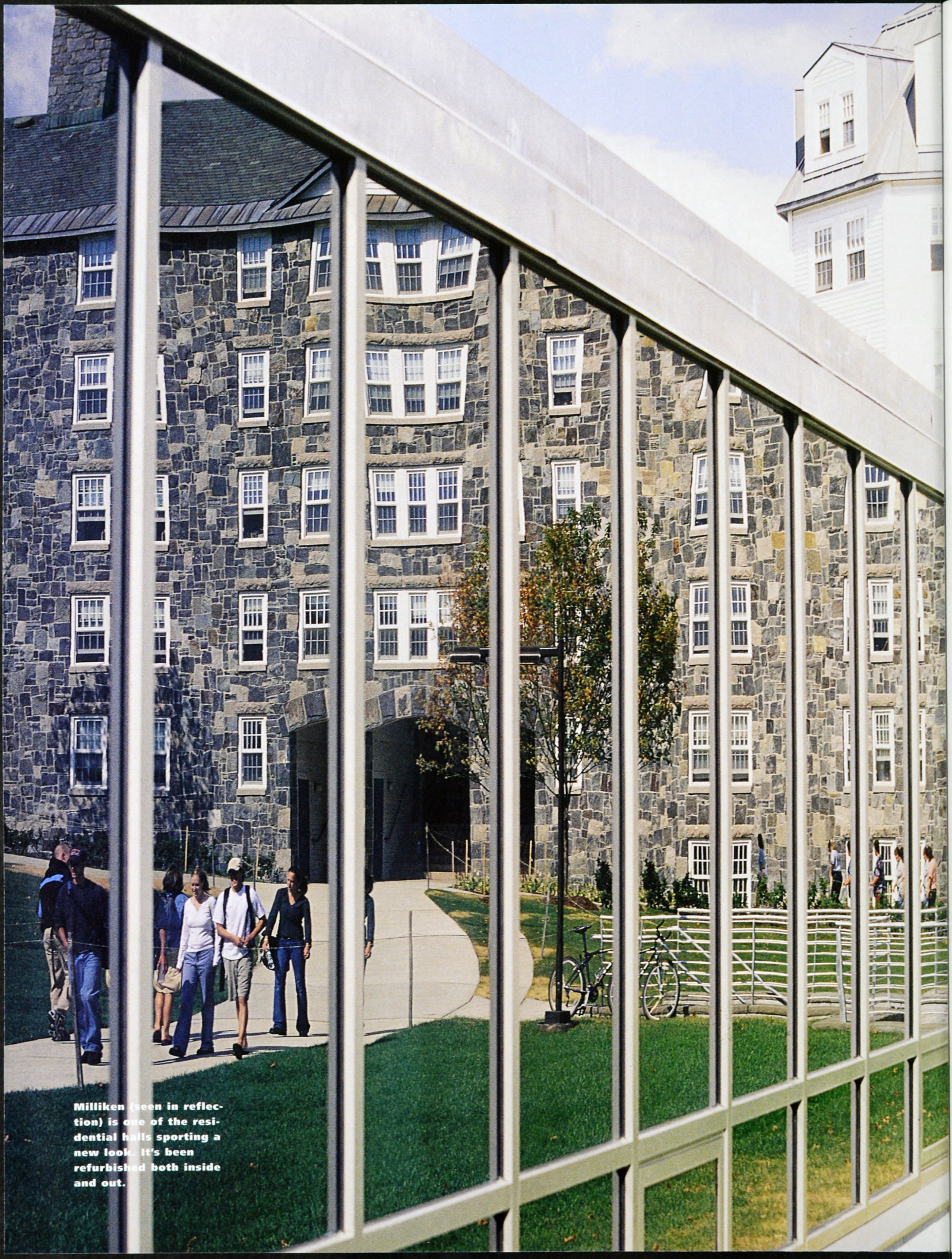

Milliken (seen in reflection) is one of the residential halls sporting a new look. It's been refurbished both inside and out.

The Commons Denominator

NOT JUST BRICKS-AND-MORTAR, THE COMMONS SYSTEM SEEKS TO CAPTURE THE ESSENCE OF MIDDLEBURY

STUDENTS THESE DAYS DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD THEY HAVE IT. This old-codgerly thought grumbled into my mind last spring as I toured Milliken, the dorm I lived in for a year during the mid-1980s. The dreary concrete exterior walls that I remember are gone, covered up with handsome stonework. The dingy cinderblock hallways have been replaced with cream-colored walls, soft lighting, and plush burgundy carpet. The TV lounge is filled with big, comfortable chairs. Our old TV lounges didn't even *have* chairs.

Leading me down the hall is Sue Harris, a friendly woman who works for Middlebury's Commons system, which emerged a little over a decade ago when the College overhauled its residential-life system. The new system is based on organizing students into neighborhoods or clusters of dorms called Commons. There are five Commons on campus, each with about 500 students from all four classes. As the College's Web site advertises, each is "a microcosm of Middlebury College as a whole."

Harris wants me to see one of the "townhouses"—the recently renovated triple rooms in Milliken, reserved for seniors. She knocks on the door of three young women. "These girls are wonderful, and they are so neat," she assures me enthusiastically as we stand in the hall. Harris has already asked the girls if she can show off their rooms, so when no one answers her knock, she fishes for a key on her key chain and unlocks the door. "I know they won't mind," she says, and she ushers me inside.

Compared with the dorm room I lived in, the townhouse is impressive. It's got two floors, three bedrooms, a small kitchen-living room, a private bathroom, and attractive blond woodwork. But more remarkable than the townhouse is the fact that Harris has a key, feels comfortable going in when nobody's home, and is well enough acquainted with its inhabitants to know that they make their beds.

This wouldn't have happened 15 or 20 years ago. College employees and faculty interacted with students, certainly, but rarely outside the classroom or the office, and not as closely or as casually as Harris does. Academic life and residential life moved in two separate orbits.

But in recent years the College has begun to bridge the gap between the classroom and the dorm room, and in the process, has reinvented its residential-life system. "We weren't fixing something that was broken. We just wanted to do it better," explains Karl Lindholm '67, who has worked in student affairs at Middlebury since 1976.

Middlebury launched the Commons system in 1991, two years after abolishing fraternities on campus. Modeled after Harvard's "house" system and Yale's "residential colleges," the Middlebury Commons provide an opportunity to "live the life of the mind in small, integrated communities, on ground shared by students, faculty, and staff," as President John McCardell, Jr., describes it.

Each new student is assigned to one of the Commons—Cook, Ross, Atwater, Brainerd, or Wonnacott. Each Commons has a close connection with a faculty member, or faculty "head" as they are called, and other members of the faculty are encouraged to affiliate with one Commons or another. More recently, a dean was appointed for each Commons, with their offices located in dorms for first-year students. And most visibly, a new $19.5 million compound—a dining hall, a residence hall for seniors, a landscaped quad, and classroom and office space—went up on campus last year. It is the first of several construction projects planned for the next decade that will give each Commons a physical infrastructure and its own corner of campus.

The hope is that these minicolleges within the College will make Middlebury a more supportive, intellectual place for students. William Willimon, dean of the chapel at Duke University and the author of *The Abandoned Generation: Rethinking Higher Education,* thinks they will. "Young people, in my observation, thrive in small, first-name-basis groups," Willimon says. They need adults "who will take the time to know them, know their hopes and dreams, and tailor the education accordingly. In regard to intellectual development, there is just no substitute for face-to-face interaction between one generation and the next." Indeed, phrases like "seamless learning environment" and "intergenerational communities," often pop up in conversation with Commons staff, and they sound rather modern. Yet in spearheading the Commons initiative, President McCardell looked to the past, saying the Commons will make Middlebury "more like itself," more intimate and hospitable, as it was when it was half the size it is today.

That's where Sue Harris comes in. She is the Ross Commons coordinator—each of the Commons has a coordinator—and she

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Deans are available for group meetings or one-on-one advising in the Commons offices.

serves as an assistant to the Commons dean. But her unofficial title is resident Mom. She has hung a large world map on one of the walls of her office in Milliken and has studded it with pushpins to indicate where "my students," as she calls them, come from. Lorraine Zak, the coordinator for Wonnacott Commons, works out of an office in Battell Hall. She's been known to visit first-year students in their rooms when they're sick, and she brings home-baked cookies to work for the students who visit her office. Last Easter she hosted an egg hunt in her backyard for students.

These kinder, gentler touches have their limits—Harris refused one set of parents who asked her to wake their son in the morning so he wouldn't miss class. Yet transforming the different constituencies of the College into something resembling families, or at least friendly neighborhoods, is an idea the Commons staff takes very seriously. "Education simply works better when it's on a smaller scale," says Associate Provost Tim Spears, the College's point man for all things having to do with the Commons. Some might argue that, compared with many other schools, Middlebury already *is* small-scale. Why break it down further? Because, Spears says, with student enrollment growing from about 1,800 in the 1970s to a projected 2,350 in 2004, and with the faculty and support staff expanding at a proportional rate to accommodate student growth, "Middlebury had ceased to be the intimate place that people remembered."

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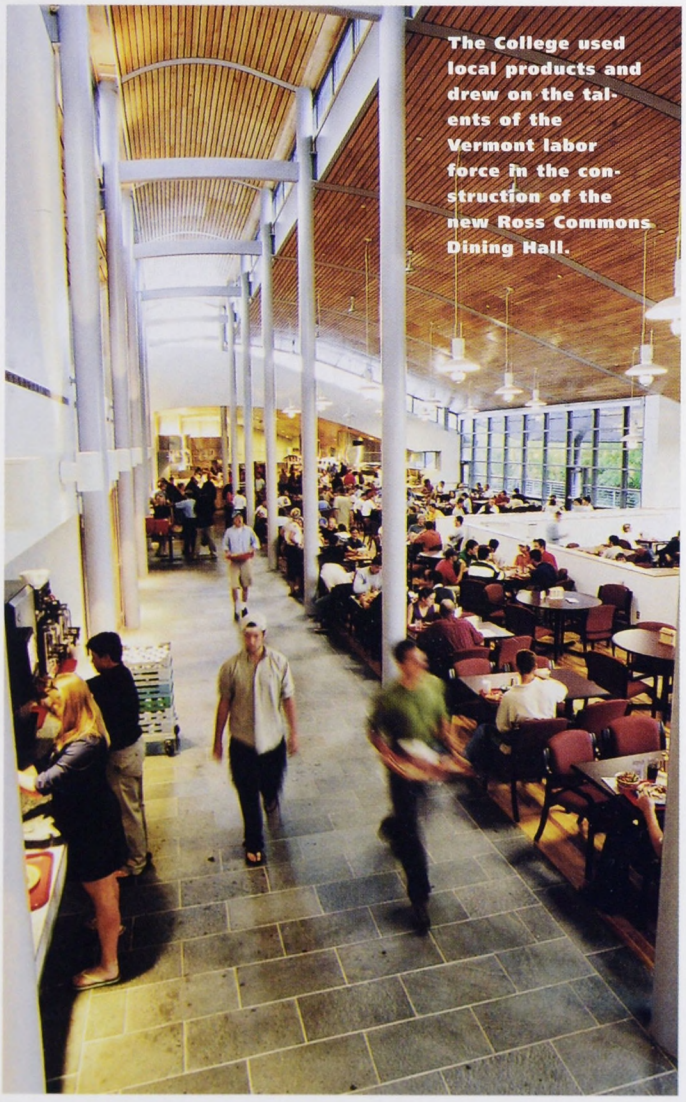
It wasn't just the number of students that had changed. "They're coming here with different backgrounds, with a different set of experiences than students of 20 years ago," says Stephen Donadio, professor of American literature and civilization and co-faculty head of Atwater Commons with his wife, Emmie, who is associate director of the Museum of Art. For example, Donadio says, "It became clear that large numbers of students had not eaten dinner with their parents. They hadn't had those everyday conversations with adults about what's up with the world, with their lives. That changes the nature of the communities that form later—here, in college."

The deans, whose job it is, in part, to have those everyday conversations with students, found that nearly impossible to do. Throughout the 1990s, more students began arriving on college campuses with emotional difficulties than in previous years. The deans—there were three of them then instead of the current five—spent most of their time doing damage control. "This isn't unique

to Middlebury, but a greater number of students were working through some pretty significant issues and needed a sounding board beyond their families and their academic advisers," says Matt Longman '89, who is the dean in Wonnacott Commons. "We were able to put out a lot of fires, and I believe we did excellent work in supporting the students with the greatest needs. But something was missing; we often weren't able to connect with the students who were doing fine."

At the same time, a growing number of students were voicing dissatisfaction with their extracurricular college life. "Faculty would talk about students who wanted to transfer, not because they didn't like their classes, but because they would walk out of class and nothing happened," Spears says. "There wasn't much intellectual or artistic activity going on outside the classroom. It was 'work hard, play hard,' and those were two very different things." Longman puts it a little more bluntly: "Students had higher expectations for their social lives than standing in line with a beer cup."

While it's still fairly easy to find a beer on campus on a Saturday night, it is not easy to choose among all the concerts, lectures, films, and meetings that pack the College calendar throughout the academic year—many of these are Commons-related. When I was a student 20 years ago, there were far fewer options. While I managed to see *Cool Hand Luke* for the first time and hear John Irving read from his new book, *The Cider House Rules,* the beer-cup scene pretty much dominated social life on campus. Then, in 1986, the drinking age in Vermont rose from 18 to 21, and keg parties no longer were a legal option for the majority of students. To remain a desirable college choice for prospective students and their parents, Middlebury needed to come up with some new ideas.



The College used local products and drew on the talents of the Vermont labor force in the construction of the new Ross Commons Dining Hall.

When Morgan Jones '04 first came to Middlebury from New York City in 2000, he heard from another student that the basic purpose of the Commons was "to give students money." Indeed, the student government of each Commons has an annual budget of about $13,000 which may be allocated to residents who want to host and orchestrate events. (There are barbecues, dances, off-campus trips to museums and concert halls, among other events.) But members of the Commons Councils, as the student governments are called, are responsible for more than money. They write bylaws and constitutions for their Commons, make many of the day-to-day decisions about how the Commons operate, and keep students informed about Commons-related issues and events. Jones soon realized that his Commons functioned as a ready-made community network, connecting him with a dean and faculty members, as well as with other students.

Which Commons and which dorm students live in is based in part on which first-year seminar they choose before they arrive at Middlebury. The seminars—small discussion- and writing-oriented classes—are required of all new students. They are perhaps the most tangible example of the College's campaign to connect academics with residential life. Students in a particular dorm may get to know one another better because they share a seminar. Discussion and course work naturally spill from class to residence, and, as a result, the conversations in first-year dorms have changed, according to Longman. "Students are talking about Nietzsche in the halls of Battell," he says. "That didn't used to happen."

When the Commons were first introduced on campus, they didn't make much of a splash. Although the early Commons system offered students more opportunities for involvement on campus and with faculty, it was still more conceptual than a finished reality that would help the College distinguish itself from other similar liberal arts schools as it pursued prospective students. As the cost of higher education grew, and as Internet technology created a profusion of online courses and even degrees, many prospective Middlebury students and their families wondered: Does anyone really need a residential college with a price tag of more than $30,000 a year?

In 1998, the College's Residential Life Committee recommended—and President McCardell and the Board of Trustees adopted—three cornerstones that would strengthen the Commons and enhance the College's appeal to students and their families. First, move the faculty heads into housing on or near campus to create a closer, more continuous relationship with students in their Commons. Next, decentralize dining by constructing smaller dining halls around the campus, so that each Commons would have a designated dining facility. The smaller scale, the antithesis of Proctor, would lead to more shared meals between students and faculty, more intellectual conversations, more of that "seamless learning

environment." And the third cornerstone—institute continuing membership, so that students would live within one Commons throughout their Middlebury career. They would set down deeper roots in the College community, feel less like transients.

Only the first cornerstone—the proximate faculty housing—has been fully put into practice. Thomas Beyer, a professor of Russian, and his wife, Dorothea, began living part time at the Deanery, a handsome brick house on College Street, when they became the faculty heads of Ross Commons. They invite students over at least once a week, the younger students for dinner, seniors for wine and cheese, to meet a visiting lecturer they think is especially interesting. "It's a home base," Beyer says. "Students don't have to always join in, but I think they like knowing it's there." Their parents do too. "In August there are a lot of concerned mothers out there," Dorothea Beyer says. "If someone had told me, when my daughters went off to college, that these adults and this house would be available to them in this very personal way, it would have made me feel good and safe."

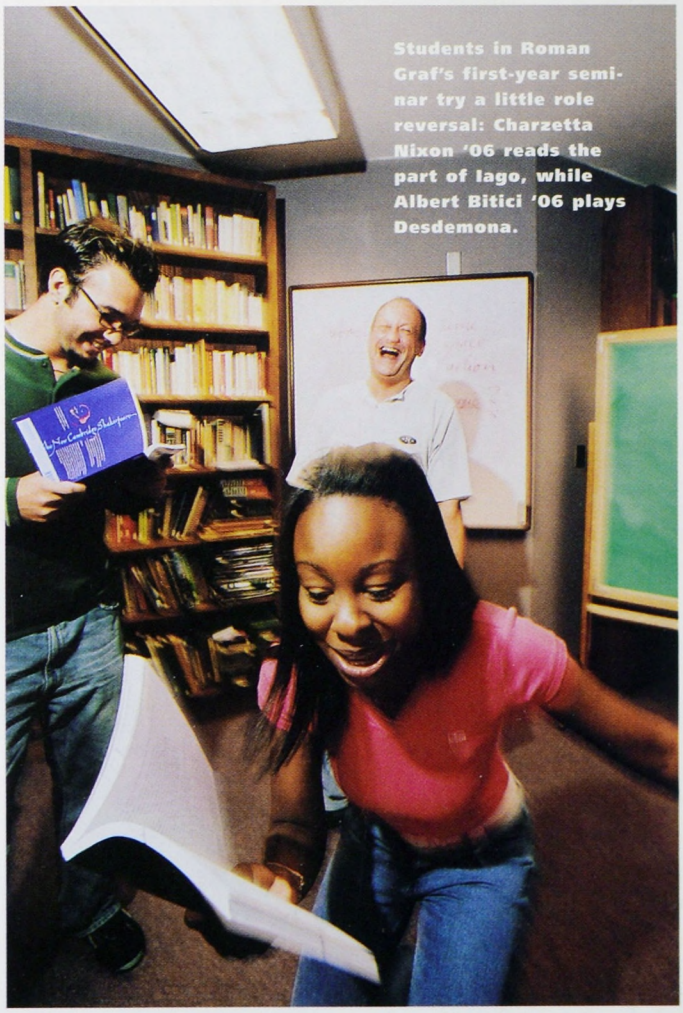
Donadio says his work with Atwater Commons has turned him into a broker in human resources. "As an academic adviser, I'm valuable to students, but only to a point," he explains. "There's another kind of connection that can only come out of casual conversation. If students express some interest or direction, I can say, 'You should speak to so-and-so.' We know who on the faculty is interested in Ireland, for example, or in the American Constitution. After a while, we know what students gravitate towards, too. We can put them together with people who could be of great value to them, who are in a position to help them."

While Longman is careful not to criticize the old way of "deaning," it is clear that he prefers the new, more hands-on approach. In Battell, he says, a large percentage of students' visits to his office are spontaneous. "They walk by and see us there, and they seek out a conversation." Longman eats lunch with students in the dining halls three or four times a week, and has DJ-ed several student parties. Still, he and the other Commons deans are the adults students turn to when they have individual problems or when public tragedies such as September 11 affect them. But serving 400 or 500 students instead of 2,000, and being close at hand, allows the deans to get to know students in positive situations as well as in times of crisis.

WHILE THE COMMONS HAS EVOLVED and gathered momentum in its decade on campus, it remains a work-in-progress. Two of the three original cornerstones, continuing membership and decentralized dining, are still evolving. The buildings don't yet exist to accommodate fully these two concepts. There isn't an individual dining hall for each Commons, for example. Nor are there enough of those really nice rooms in each cluster of dorms—like the townhouses in Milliken—to make older students want to stay with their Commons when it comes time to choose a dorm for their next year.

And then there is the tendency for students, mainly the older ones, to resist being told what to do. The mere suggestion that they'll be encouraged to live in a certain group of dorms, or steered toward a certain dining hall has raised some hackles. When the administration established a Commons intramural league last year and stated that a certain percentage of each team had to be made up of students from the same Commons, Kevin King '03 wrote in the *Middlebury Campus* that the College was "force-feeding" the Commons to students, trying to "make the system look more cohesive than it is." Even students like Ian Ausprey '04, who has been actively involved in running his Commons, thought the administration had infringed on their freedom. "You can't tell people what friends they can or can't play sports with," Ausprey says. Spears admits that the College sometimes "sells" the Commons a little too hard. "It shouldn't be programmed. It should happen on its own. Otherwise, students recoil."

While the faculty is "increasingly accepting" of the Commons, according to Spears, many were doubtful when it was first introduced. Some faculty considered their Commons involvement—not to mention the deans in first-year dorms—to be unnecessary handholding, making Middlebury more like prep school than college. Spears thinks just the opposite is true. "The Commons helps Middlebury move away from being like prep school," he says. "They create more opportunities for students to be autonomous and involved on campus, more opportunities for students to get to know faculty and deans as human beings, not just as adults who slap their hands when you do something wrong." As for the deans working out of the dorms, Spears says, "Stuff happens and students need help. It's a safety net. It's invisible most of the time, but it's there when you need it."



Students in Roman Graf's first-year seminar try a little role reversal: Charzetta Nixon '06 reads the part of Iago, while Albert Bitici '06 plays Desdemona.

First-year seminar students learn through literature and clay that control is not always possible.

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Another hurdle has been the sometimes bumpy relationship between Commons boosters and students who live in the coed "social houses," which were established in the early 1990s after the abolition of fraternities. Some social-house members see the Commons as a growing effort by the administration to get rid of fraternity-style social life for good. The two systems are pretty clear opposites, says Lindholm: The social houses are perceived to be exclusive, and the Commons are seen as an outlet for "anyone who's not interested in frat parties." But, Lindholm says, "we're coexisting now. There's no reason we can't coexist in the future."

When talk turns to the future of the Commons, everybody points toward the western edge of campus, where this fall Ross Commons became what Spears calls "fully realized." There's a new dorm for seniors, a grassy courtyard, a new dining hall with a stone terrace that overlooks the Adirondacks. The buildings were, in the words of President McCardell, built to "foster the kind of supportive educational environment that will ensure the survival of the residential college of the future." The more immediate hope is that the nice new digs will tempt students into liking the Commons system as much as the administration does.

And the new Ross Commons buildings are just the beginning. Atwater Commons is next in line, with $32 million of construction planned for the next two years. Construction and renovation projects for Brainerd, Cook, and Wonnacott Commons are still in the design stage, so there is not yet a firm estimate of how much the construction will cost in the end.

But even if the College stopped building Commons-related dorms and dining halls, "what we've gained already is amazing," says Longman. "Life for the students now is healthier and more humane, in part because of the Commons." One story stands out in Longman's mind as an example of how things have changed. Last year, a resident adviser in Battell realized that three students on his hall had each spent time in India and were nostalgic for their experiences there. He got them together and proposed they turn their melancholy feelings into a cultural event. Using funding from their Commons budget, they did. Forty students and 20 faculty and staff showed up to cook and eat Indian food together, watch a slide show from one of the student's trips, and listen to another read excerpts from the journal she kept as she traveled.

There wasn't a beer cup in sight.

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Broadcast News

INSIDE THE WORLD OF A GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER

BY SAM SILVERSTEIN

Motorcycle-riding methamphetamine dealers, dog-mauling trials, and yes, public-school funding: all a part of the life of general assignment reporter Heather Ishimaru '86.

FOR A MOMENT, it appears that Heather Frazier Ishimaru '86 will spend the day in the company of methamphetamine-dealing motorcycle gang members.

Ishimaru, a general assignment reporter at San Francisco's ABC affiliate, KGO-TV, is seated around a conference table with the news director, executive producer, and several other producer types. It's 9:30 A.M. This meeting is where the day's assignments are doled out, and Ishimaru's day is determined. Right now her eyes are open, wide as catchers' mitts.

A Hell's Angel and suspected methamphetamine manufacturer has been arrested for allegedly starting a wildfire in northern California. The question hanging over the meeting is, what's an appropriate follow-up for that evening's news?

"We could get Heather on the connection between Hell's Angels and meth…" KGO assignment editor Bill Magee muses. No one speaks.

"Nah. We'll have you stay on the school story," Magee says. Ishimaru's assignment, before the wildfire story broke late the previous evening, is to explain how California public schools spend their share of state lottery revenues. Her shoulders slump with disappointment.

"I've got you scheduled with a Fremont school-district spokesman at 11 A.M.," says a producer. Already it is quarter past ten. Ishimaru springs from her chair and leaves the meeting without a word.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY STEPHANIE RAUSSER

For a news hound, Ishimaru's desktop is conspicuously tidy: a calendar, a stray magazine, unexplained pictures of fish. The towering piles of newsprint that threaten to reduce some journalists' desks to splinters are absent.

Still, a good story makes her heart race. Her around-the-clock effort covering a child abduction case while at WFAA in Dallas in 1996 played a large role in her landing the job at KGO, the No. 5 television market in the United States. And she relished covering the trial that resulted from the horrific dog mauling death of a Bay Area woman last year.

School budgets are something else altogether.

Today Ishimaru is paired with KGO cameraman Dave Pera, who raises a suspicious eyebrow as Ishimaru explains the gist of their mission. The common denominator of all good broadcast journalism is drama. "We're going to have to get creative on this one," Ishimaru says.

Ishimaru's 11 A.M. appointment is with a statistics professor who's carved out a niche calculating the long odds of winning the lottery. The professor has been interviewed on this subject before and knows to shorten his answers into easy bites for the camera. Ishimaru's challenge is to warm him up.

"If every time you drove a mile you played a lottery ticket, you'd have to drive an average of 85 round trips to the moon before you'd win the lottery jackpot," the professor drones.

"What's the point? Why do we play?" Ishimaru asks, punctuating the question with a mock shriek. The professor smiles back, shrugs. "Human nature is optimistic, I guess," he says.

The exchange is pithy, personal—perfect. "Okey-dokey!" Ishimaru says, catching Pera's eye for confirmation. It's in the can.

Ishimaru's ethnicity is hard to pin down on looks alone. Without her last name as a tip-off, people often are helpless to guess. She was born and raised in California under her given name, Heather Frazier. USC Journalism School is where she first was encouraged to adopt her mother's maiden name professionally, for the purposes of clueing in prospective employers to her ethnicity. News directors traditionally place a premium on staffing their stations with on-air talent that reflects the communities they cover.

Ishimaru resisted this advice throughout school, landing her first job at KBAK in Bakersfield on the strength of her resumé tape alone. "I'd always thought this was bunk—that if you were a good reporter who told a good story, everybody would watch," she says.

She left Bakersfield for KIRO in Seattle, then the No. 13 television market in the country, in 1993. Seattle is where Heather finally accepted her mentors' advice and adopted her mother's maiden name, Ishimaru.

"The short story is, the job was contingent on me being Heather Ishimaru," she says. "Management wanted 'an Asian woman.' They never came out and directly said that. But when they sent me my tickets to come up for the interview, they sent them to Heather Ishimaru. When I walked in, the programming director asked, 'How do you pronounce that?' I was getting the message."

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Pera and Ishimaru arrive at school-district headquarters in Fremont, a suburb of Oakland, and are escorted on a tour of a warehouse containing instructional materials purchased, in part, with lottery proceeds. Ishimaru feeds Pera suggested camera angles with which to capture stacks of textbooks and pallets being loaded by a forklift—images over which she will record her voice in the edit room later that afternoon. On camera, a school-district spokesman talks her through the budget as best he can, but the subject is confusing.

By 3:45 P.M. she's back at her desk, fingers poised above the keyboard. The battle she faces is one of reduction: How to condense five hours of research and roughly 15 minutes of videotape into one succinct report?

With less than a minute to air, a key technician is missing, and the teleprompter is malfunctioning.

The numbers are a problem. Ishimaru first attempts to write around an explanation of how each lottery dollar is divided. Skipping to the middle of the script offers no refuge. "Oh, God. Numbers everywhere," she moans. A fellow reporter arrives from an adjacent desk to help.

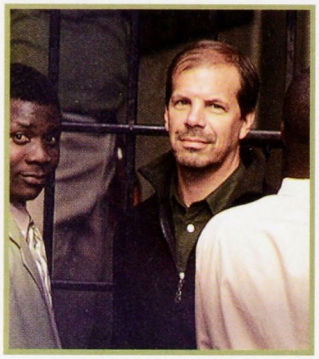
By 4:20 Ishimaru finally enters a sound booth to record her finished script, to be married to Pera's images in the edit bay. Toward the end of the edit session, a snafu emerges. A remote mike pinned to Ishimaru's blouse has recorded a visit to the ladies' room over video of a forklift. Ishimaru cackles, and then shoots the editor a sideways look. "You can fix that, right?" With a few expert keystrokes, hairspray sounds are replaced by the clatter of industrial equipment.

Ten minutes before the 6 P.M. broadcast, the piece is done. Ishimaru hand delivers the tape to the control booth. With less than a minute to air, a key technician is missing, and the teleprompter is revealed to be malfunctioning. The room drips with stress.

By contrast the studio in which the anchors sit is an oasis of air-conditioned calm. The anchors greet Ishimaru's entrance with indiscreet waves—the camera is pointed at the meteorologist. Ishimaru's segment airs at 6:35 P.M. and lasts exactly one minute and 30 seconds. The anchors acknowledge her report with a comment or two, and then move on. Ishimaru gathers her coat and heads for home.

Tomorrow's morning meeting is mere hours away.

Sam Silverstein is a freelance writer in the San Francisco Bay Area. He wrote "A New Family Portrait," which appeared in summer 2001.



Out of Africa

IT WAS NO SURPRISE when **ANDREW MELDRUM '74** was among the first journalists to be arrested in Zimbabwe under the Mugabe government's draconian (and internationally criticized) Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, which virtually eliminates freedom of the press. Meldrum, a 22-year resident of Harare and a correspondent for the British newspaper *The Guardian,* reports on human rights abuses and the corruption of President Robert Mugabe's government. If convicted, Meldrum faced up to two years in jail or a fine of 100,000 Zimbabwe dollars (1,820 U.S. dollars). Thirteen Zimbabwean journalists were also charged under the law.

Meldrum was acquitted on July 15 after several weeks on trial, but he was immediately handed an order reversing his permanent-residence status and given 24 hours to leave the country. He subsequently was granted the right to appeal his deportation to Zimbabwe's Supreme Court, the next step in this mind-spinning high-stakes game.

From the Road

GLENN ANDRES, Christian A. Johnson Professor of Art, will speak at the Center for the Arts in Vero Beach, Fla., on January 15. In his lecture, "Brunelleschi's Gift/Curse: Architecture and the Necessity of an Informed Eye," Andres will examine pairings of similar buildings from the Renaissance through the postmodern era, demonstrating how an understanding of an artist's intentions and circumstances conditions a viewer's aesthetic appreciation.

Alumni in the Vero Beach area are invited to attend. For further information about this event and other alumni activities, please contact the Alumni and Parent Programs Office.

Class in Cyberspace

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ERIC DAVIS will offer an online Alumni College course on Wednesday evenings from January 15 through March 12, 2003. Entitled "September 11: Causes and Consequences," the course will explore the events of September 11, 2001, from political, historical, and cultural perspectives.

The online course will be open without charge to Middlebury alumni, parents, and family members. Each session will feature a live Webcast by Eric Davis, along with the opportunity for participants to send questions to the instructor and to chat with each other.

Registration information will be posted on the Middlebury home page in December: www.middlebury.edu.

What does a public servant do with the memorabilia acquired during a life of service to community and country? Robert T. Stafford '35 conferred his plaques, awards, photos, and other mementos—exhibited in Starr Library over the summer—to the College archives. Much of the material is from his office in the U.S. Senate, where he served from 1971-1989. Stafford served Vermont as state attorney general, lieutenant governor, governor, and U.S. representative and senator; and the College as an alumni trustee. Stafford and his wife, Helen Kelley Stafford '38, enjoyed the exhibit at its opening.

NEWSMAKERS

ON THE NEWSSTAND

WHAT ARE THE ODDS? On the same day in September, a pair of Middlebury graduates (from the same era) received newsworthy promotion—at the same magazine.

ANDY SAREYAN '81 and **RICK TETZELI '83** shared twin billing in September 17's top entertainment industry news when they were named president and managing editor, respectively, of *Entertainment Weekly.*

Sareyan, previously president of Time Inc.'s Parenting Group, replaced John Squires. Tetzeli moved over from *Fortune,* where he was the business magazine's deputy managing editor.

SUMMER STOCK

MALAYA DREW '99 and **ANA REEDER '94** costarred in Neil Labute's latest stage production, *The Distance from Here,* which premiered in London last summer...**ANNA BELKNAP '94** starred as Prosperine in the Olney Theatre (Md.) summer production of George Bernard Shaw's classic comedy *Candida.* The play was directed by Middlebury theatre professor Richard Romagnoli.

A WEST WING EXCLUSIVE

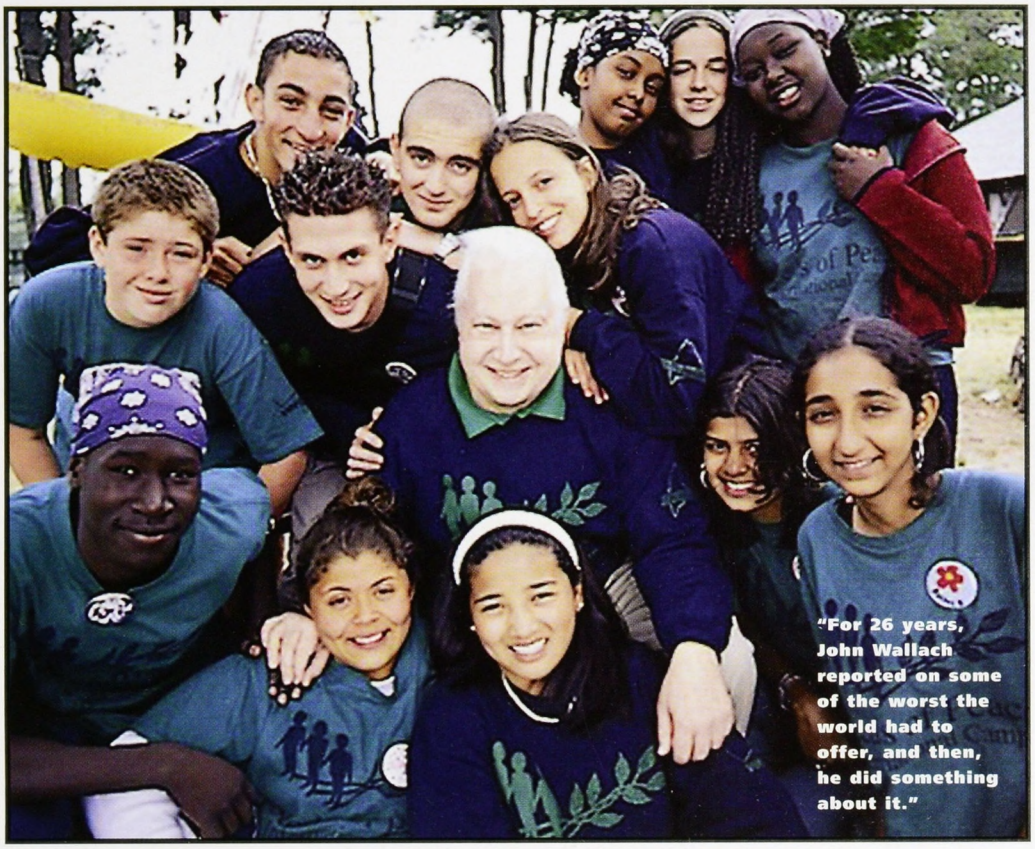
When CBS's *60 Minutes II* landed an exclusive interview with President George Bush to commemorate the anniversary of 9/11, **CATHERINE HERRICK '97** found herself in the thick of preparations for the day's biggest story. Herrick is an associate producer with *60 Minutes II.*

PHOTOGRAPH OF MELDRUM BY HOWARD BURDITT
PHOTOGRAPH OF STAFFORD BY MIKE KNAPP

In Memoriam

John Paul Wallach '64

June 18, 1943–July 10, 2002



Searching for a lead into a 20-second piece about John Wallach's death, the morning anchor at my radio station—himself well seasoned and bearing the scars of foreign reporting—decided on high praise: "For 26 years, John Wallach reported on some of the worst the world had to offer, and then, he did something about it."

On the day Wallach died in July, the news from Israel, Palestine, India, Pakistan, the former Yugoslavia, and Afghanistan was full of shrapnel and revenge. Thanks to Wallach, a longtime foreign editor for the Hearst newspapers, the news from Maine was different. It included Israelis and Palestinians, but they were using words like "hope" and "coexistence" to describe the future Wallach had shown was possible.

They were Seeds of Peace campers, and they are his legacy.

In his lifetime, Wallach had earned at least a dozen awards, any one of which would have made a satisfying lead. The Soviets' highest civilian award, the Medal of Friendship, came from Gorbachev in 1991 with thanks for creating the Chautauqua Conference on U.S.-Soviet Relations during the cold war. King Hussein of Jordan welcomed Wallach into his Legion of Honor in 1998. President Clinton gave him a peace prize, as did UNESCO (twice). From his colleagues in journalism, Wallach received two Overseas Press Club awards, plus one from the National Press Club for breaking a little story called Iran-Contra.

Middlebury granted him an honorary doctorate, as did the University of Southern Maine. As a senior fellow at the United States Institute of Peace, he wrote *The Enemy Has a Face,* one of four books that bear his name.

Legend places the conception of Seeds of Peace soon after the 1993 World Trade Center attack, at a reception in Washington for Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Wallach clinked his glass until silence fell. He challenged Peres and the Egyptian and Palestinian representatives in attendance to send 15 teenagers each to a summer camp where they would learn the art of peacemaking. Months later, the first 45 Seeds arrived in Otisfield, Maine.

More than 2,000 young people from 22 countries in conflict have screamed and wept through Seeds "coexistence" sessions since that first summer 10 years ago. They are guarded by five state troopers. Their governments have handpicked them to travel thousands of miles and interact with the enemy. Yet they canoe. They hate the food. Their tube socks smell of bug spray.

When they look for a metaphor during a recent coexistence session, 11 Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian, and Egyptian campers find common ground in *The Matrix,* starring Keanu Reeves. He plays Neo, a young man chosen to break down the false universe that keeps him and his kind oblivious to their captivity. An underground resistance leader explains this to Neo, then offers two pills. One will erase the knowledge he's just gained. The other will catapult him into a crusade.

"We've all taken the pill that wakes you up," one camper says, catching on. This is a group of returning Seeds, reflecting on how much more lonely life in the Middle East becomes after befriending the enemy. Some old friends have shunned them for pursuing peace, and the violence makes travel to see their new Seeds friends difficult. "But we've all thought about taking the other pill too."

"It's like that Robert Frost poem," an Israeli offers. "We've taken the road less traveled."

Turns out Frost was Wallach's favorite poet.

"Perhaps it was the isolation," Wallach wrote of Middlebury, in notes to his 25th Reunion class in 1989. "Maybe it was the beauty of the environment, or the friendships. Middlebury taught me that it's only the controversial things you do that are truly meaningful because they change the way people think."

Jenna Lane '96 is a radio reporter and anchor in Portland, Maine.

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

Late word has been received of the death of Secretary Oliver on August 16. His last report attests to the joy he experienced over the summer:

The last month or so has been full of celebrations. On June 23, I celebrated my 100th birthday. At our small family party, my wife Virginia and I were joined by our daughter Margot Cavalier, our son Ward J. '77, Ward's wife Cathy Grad, and their two children, Sam and Jamie. At the beginning of June, Ward attended the 25th Reunion of his class at Middlebury. Ward tells me that he had been inspired by attending the Reunion held in 2000, when he returned to Middlebury with me to celebrate the 75th Reunion of our class! From July 4 to 7, my hometown, Cobleskill, celebrated the Sesqui-Bicentennial of its founding. I was honored to be the grand marshal in the July 7 parade. My wife Virginia and I were chauffeured in a 1909 Franklin automobile at the head of the parade. Although both my wife and I have been retired from our medical practice for 10 years, we still try to attend Rotary Club meetings, and I remain a member of the board of directors of a local bank.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978-369-5595).*

Fall 2002 greetings to classmates and friends of 1928. Imagine being able to write this! When we arrived at Middlebury in the fall of 1924 as freshmen, aged 16 and 17, we contemplated a four-year relationship (if we were successful) with no expectation that some of us would be a part of the Middlebury College family at ages 95 and 96. It's happening this year as we approach the 75th anniversary of our graduation. Here are some individual examples: Dr. **John P. Hoyt**, retired professor of what he calls "mathematical matters," observed his 95th birthday on June 1, 2002. Because my card to him was late, I called to apologize and spoke with him and his wife, Carol. The observance was a family gathering, and the family had something else to celebrate, and we have another book to watch for. It seems that years ago John's father, George Hoyt, wrote a book intended for the family, about growing up in Indiana. Well, now it has been "discovered" and *Growing Up in the Country* will be published commercially. (I'll press him for details.) John and Carol have found a retirement spot in Lancaster, PA. Their sons, Peter and Paul, have retired from their regular jobs and are exploring part-time adventures of their choice. John asked me for news of **Storrs Lee**, which prompted me to call Storrs. I found him enjoying a visit with his namesake son, William Storrs Lee IV, who had come from Taiwan for a visit to Storrs' Pemaquid Point, ME, home. You will remember that his 95th birthday, last August 8, was the day *Gamaliel Painter* was officially published. He predicted that his 96th will be calmer, no writing or republishing contemplated. He recalled President McCardell's visit to him last summer with pleasure. He misses **"Tib" Moody Rice**'s notes, as I do. His connection to Middlebury comes from notes from former Middlebury faculty members. ✷ Here in Concord, MA, a battle rages, in which we are all engaged, to save a beloved literary landmark, Orchard House, the family home of author Louisa May Alcott, cherished by all who have read *Little Women*, her classic tale of the March family growing up there. The building has already been declared a national treasure. The battle is to raise funds to preserve the building, which is being ravaged by beetles. It's a costly fight, but one Concord is determined to win. ✷ By the time you read this **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** and **Helen Bailey** will have joined the 95 group. Details later. I did speak with **Elizabeth Hayes Balch**, who knew long before her October 15 95th that her daughter-in-law was arranging a great family gathering, with children and grandchildren coming to Rogue River, OR, from far and near, including her grandson and his family from Alaska. ✷ I hope to hear about how **Helen Revere Hatch** celebrated her 96th on October 23, 2002. Several of us will be joining the group. Isn't it remarkable that our College continues to mean so much to us?

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

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Class Secretary: *Mr. E. Parker Calvert, (calverte@aol.com) 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

Great news! The human resources textbook created by **Richard A. Fear**, entitled *The Evaluation Interview*, is now published in its fifth edition. What a success story that book has been! It has been in print for 42 years, sold some 93,000 copies, and grossed about three million dollars. I'm confident all classmates will join in shouting: "Three cheers, Dick!" Author Dick this time around is listed as co-author, inasmuch as he has turned over the revision and updating of this classic to a psychology writer who is a Midwest university professor. ✷ **Mary Stolte Toomey** reports that she is "hale and hearty," but she has given up her golf game. The course is rather hilly, a fact, she says, she hadn't noticed a few years ago! Great-grandchildren and gardening keep her in shape, plus the Vermont wildlife. She reports that a "nice big" bear had invaded their property recently, greatly exciting her son's dogs. Mary's son, Bill, attests to his mother's health, except for the fact that she has occasional lapses of memory. My own survey suggests that among classmates there is hardly any one of us not so afflicted. Please do remember to send me news of yourself.

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We are indebted to Francine Clark Page '66 for sending news of her aunt, **May Clark Stevens**. May continues to reside in South Burlington, VT, where she enjoys frequent visits and conversation with friends and relatives. For years, she has kept a blank journal handy, and everyone who visits writes an entry. It's a wonderful way to share news.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Edward W. Weeks (Mary Duryee), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430.*

Class reunions are being planned for June 6-8, 2003. Please take note of those dates and start making arrangements to be in Middlebury to celebrate our 70th Reunion. Send me a note and let me know of your plans and activities. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Arnold Lewis** on March 31, 2002. A memorial appeared in the summer issue.

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Class Secretary: *James A. Fechheimer (gheadjim@aol.com), 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

We regret to report the death of **Natt Divoll** on February 11. His memorial appeared in the summer issue. ✷ A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue for **Emmy Lou Nothnagle Brown**, who died on May 25. The sympathy of the class is extended to her family, especially her husband, **M. Boyd Brown**, and her sister, Sally Nothnagle Tefft '40.

We regret to report the death of Class Secretary Eleanor Orde Reid on August 10, 2002. Condolences are extended to her family. Her work as a faithful scribe will be greatly missed.

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Class Secretary: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

John Blake's hobby has been photography, but recently he has been making cards using the Microsoft program on the computer. "We are busy church workers and enjoy the new church projects. Our children enjoy their work, and both of them live here in Florida. We travel to Canada almost every year. Now we go in a Honda van which has been a real delight. Even Pat likes to drive it. Our circle of friends is shrinking, but we are making new ones." ✷ **Ginny Easler Wilson** writes: "We are doing well and are happy in our retirement home, where there are so many things to do. I man our library on Friday afternoons, and Carroll and I both work in our country store. I still enjoy bridge, and I am the only original player left in one group that has been playing for the last 25 years. We are looking forward to a cruise in July, preceded by a five-day land tour in Ireland. We will meet the tall ships in La Coruña and have tea on one of them. The best news is that one daughter and her husband have bought a house near us and plan to move here in the future." ✷ I am sorry to report that our class has lost three members since my last report. Memorials appeared in the summer issue for **Betty Seaver Eichmann** (who died on February 7), **Elizabeth Bailey Heinz** (on February 16), and **Henry (Harry) Emmons** (on March 27). Betty was a member of our class for a short time, during which she was a member of the Mountain Club. Elizabeth was class VP our first year and president the second. She was an active member of the Mountain Club and played on the basketball, baseball, and hockey teams. Harry was class treasurer his first year and later president. He belonged to the varsity debating team, and his skill in public speaking led to the Parker and Merrill awards. An active member of the Liberal Club, he was literary editor of the *Kaleidoscope* and served on the Student Council and the Interfraternity Council. The heartfelt condolences of the class are extended to the families of these classmates.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. Angus M. Brooks, 8 Winter Meadow, Barre, VT 05641; Mrs. Margaret Leach Harris, 516 W. River Rd., Lincoln, VT 05443; and Miss Louise E. Hutchinson, 149 East Side Dr., #351, Concord, NH 03301.*

Karline and **Martin Tierney** are enjoying life at Charlestown Retirement Center in Cantonsville, MD. They are planing to visit Berlin and Dresden, Germany, in December. As the annual Middlebury exchange student with Stuttgart Univ., Marty saw Raphael's Sistine Madonna in Dresden in the spring of 1939. He wants to see it again in Dresden. ✷ **Bill Dawes** reports that his health is still holding up: "Only a few aches and pains. Don't go to Florida anymore and I miss it—all my old friends, golf, and fishing buddies. Time sure passes us by! Edgehill, the retirement home where I live, has been a real find. Great people, plenty to do, great food and travel—couldn't ask for much more. My five daughters and grandchildren keep me busy. Love it! Still do a little trout fishing on Long Island Sound." Bill hopes that all is well with classmates. ✷ We are indebted to **Marion Cole Morhouse** for spotting an article about Alexander Twilight in the *Burlington Free Press*. As you may know, Alexander Twilight, Middlebury Class of 1822, is thought to be the first African American to become a college graduate in the U.S. A collection of 16 handwritten sermons, written by Twilight over 150 years ago, was discovered by the Minnesota Historical Society and sent to the historical society in Brownington, VT, where Twilight was a teacher, preacher, and mechanical engineer. He planned and directed the construction of the Old Stone Schoolhouse, now a museum for the Orleans County Historical Society. His memory has been honored at Middlebury by the naming of Twilight Hall. ✷ **Philip Taft** sends a little memory test for all who attended Middlebury College: "What are the words inscribed on the top front of Mead Chapel? Please identify by Book and Verse." ✷ **Louise Hutchinson**, who put together a booklet for and about the women veterans who reside at her retirement home, is now compiling a second one about the WAC-Veterans Association, Chapter 100, whose members live in Vermont and New Hampshire. Any interested and eligible woman veteran, including the Red Cross, is asked to contact her at her address above. ✷ **Arch Tilford** has been in the news again. The famous fishing lure he invented in the 1950s, the Green Mountain Grabber, is making a comeback. Originally designed to catch Lake Champlain walleyes, the lure had fallen out of favor as walleye fishing has gone downhill. (For some unknown reason the plentiful supply of walleye practically vanished in the 1980s.) Now a young St. Albans businessman, Ray Smith, has purchased Green Mountain Tackle from the man who bought it from Arch in the mid-1980s. And now the "Grabbers" are being successfully distributed to some five dozen shops in Vermont and New York. Needless to say, Arch got his picture in the *Burlington Free Press* and told quite a few fish stories to go along with it. He planned to spend most of August up at Silver Lake with his "summer girlfriend," a young lady of 95 who flies out from California to summer in Ripton. ✷ **Fran Wilkinson Russ** writes of a heartwarming afternoon visit from **Mary Dansereau Howard**, who was driven up from Leverett, MA, by daughter Charlotte. Mary and Fran recalled happily the four dorms they lived in during their years at Middlebury. They claim to have diminished in height by two inches. As they put it: "One of us is thinner and one of us is broader." Mary still has her good humor with the same way of laughing at trivialities. Fran observes that it is a rare friendship that continues 69 years. ✷ Let's all continue our friendships by keeping in touch through this column! Many thanks to those who took the time to write!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

Our 65th Reunion, celebrated on a warm spring weekend at Middlebury, was enjoyed by 13 classmates and several family members and guests. A highlight of the event occurred during the convocation in Mead Chapel, when our own **Margaret Scherholz Delfausse** received the Alumni Association's highest award, given annually to an alum for "outstanding service to the College." Sherry was thanked for her longtime interest in Middlebury, including 60 years of successful fundraising. At the class dinner in Proctor Hall, several classmates reminisced about their college years and **Marsh Sewell**, reunion social chair, read notes from many who could not attend. He introduced the recipient of the Class of 1937 scholarship for the past two years, who spoke about her academic experience and thanked the class for assisting her. **Walt Brooker** reported that our reunion fund this year had a 48 percent participation. He considered this an excellent record, in view of the health status of some of our members. The class thanked Walt and his fellow gift committee members, **Bob** and **Ruth van Sickle Robinson**, **Sherry Delfausse**, and **Sue Hathaway Hopper**. The class gathered again in Saturday's bright sunlight to rededicate the Class of '37 memorial tree in front of Warner Science. **Paul Foster** read the names of 25 class members and two honorary members who had died since our 60th Reunion in 1997. Marsh offered a Native American prayer and read excerpts from *Tuesdays with Morrie* and the published diary of Viola C. White, *Not Faster Than a Walk*. Dr. White, who was curator of the Egbert Starr Library when we were students, devoted one of her nature pieces to the very day that our class graduated in 1937. Classmates and guests who attended the reunion were **Frank Piskor** and daughter Nancy Piskor Twichell '73, **Dottie Mathison Scott** and husband Bob, **Sue Hathaway Hopper** and daughter Ginny Hopper Hoverman '69 and son-in-law James Hoverman '69, **Paul Foster**, **Bob** and **Ruth van Sickle Robinson, Muriel Voter Williams, Hilda Simonds Crosby, Charles Harvi** and wife Dodi, **Margaret Scherholz Delfausse, Doris Downing Daley, Walter Brooker** and wife Bobbie Carrick Brooker '40, and **Marshall Sewell** and wife Joyce. ✷ **Bill Heinz** was once again honored in the media for his contributions to American literature, when he was interviewed by Tom Brokaw on the *NBC Nightly News* on the 58th anniversary of D-Day, June 6. Calling him one of the few living war correspondents who covered the Normandy invasion, the program showed Bill at his Vermont home, still pounding away on the 1932 Remington portable typewriter his father gave him while Bill was a student at Middlebury. Earlier the same week, syndicated sports columnist Mike Lupica wrote an entire column about Bill, pointing out that his wartime reporting prepared him to become a sports editor and columnist for the *New York Sun*. Lupica called Heinz "the greatest living sports writer in our country" and also reviewed Bill's new book, *When We Were One*, which includes some of his World War II dispatches from the front. During the reunion weekend, we learned from Bill that, after his wife Betty Bailey Heinz '35 died, he decided to move from their home in Dorset to a care center in Bennington. ✷ **Doris Cutting** reports that "living is so easy here at Wake Robin (Shelburne, VT) that I just eat and sleep and laze the days away." ✷ George and **Mildred Trask Roesch** are happy they made the move from the North to an ocean-front condo at Jensen Beach, FL, where they are able to swim every day and walk the beach. They have three grandchildren and two great-grands.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

It was interesting to learn from talking with **Helen Kelley Stafford** that she and Bob '35 have been in the process of moving to an apartment at the Gables, an independent retirement community in Rutland Town. Their four daughters have been helping them sort and divide many of the possessions that have been a part of their lives over the years. Helen said that Bob had been ill last winter and that he continues to recuperate. Their move was scheduled for the end of June. ✷ **Madge Eddy Boardman** has lived in a small apartment in Rutland for the past five and one-half years. She moved there following an extended hospital stay due to a compression fracture of the spine. Prior to that, Madge was active in legislative affairs of the AARP for 12 years, during which time she intermittently traveled to Washington, DC. Nowadays, she enjoys the company of friends and occasionally goes out to lunch. ✷ I guess it is past time that I report about Wake Robin, where Charlie and I have lived for eight and one-half years. We are a community of almost 300 people, and we have 46 committees, all organized and run by residents. Situated on 137 acres, Wake Robin is a continuing care retirement community set in a rolling and wooded landscape. There are two apartment buildings, five cottage clusters, the community center (where the main dining room is located), and the healthcare facility, Linden, which provides assisted living and a skilled nursing unit. All the buildings are connected by covered walkways. The aquatic center has a lap pool and a hot tub/Whirlpool spa. Almost three miles of foot trails through the surrounding woods have been created by residents and are maintained by them. ✷ **Katherine Flint** has lived at Thomas House, a continuing care retirement community in Washington, DC, since fall 1996. She chose that location to be near a niece who lives in Virginia. Katherine continues to enjoy playing bridge often and talking with friends on the telephone. The Thomas House bus takes residents grocery shopping, to shopping malls, and to concerts, the latter of which she thoroughly enjoys. There are 130 residents in the independent living area of Thomas House. ✷ **Sherb** and Marjorie Kohr '39 **Lovell** are thankful to be living in their home in Springfield, VT. Daughter Melissa '77 also lives in Vermont. Their other daughter lives in Connecticut. Marjorie notified me of the June 5 death of **Don Westin**. We send condolences from the class to his family. ✷ The sympathy of the class is also extended to the family of **Allison Beebe**, who passed away on December 10. Memorials for Don and Allison appear elsewhere in this issue. ✷ We are happy to report the establishment of the **Emily Barclay Jackson** Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will be awarded annually to a female athlete with demonstrated need. ✷ Please note that our 65th Reunion will be held in Middlebury on June 6-8, 2003. Will you be coming? Let me know.

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Class Secretaries: *Ms. Jeanette Olson Gould (jogvt@aol.com), P.O. Box 543, Quechee, VT 05059; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

Bill '41 and **Bertha Waite Markland** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently at a party at their home, arranged by children Judith '66, Shirley '69, and William '79. **Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey** was there, as well as 60 townspeople and friends, and a marvelous time was had by all. Congratulations, Bertha and Bill! ✷ **Ruth Coleman Skinner**, **Louise Roberts Avery**, and **Jeanette Olson Gould** met for lunch at the Norwich, VT, Inn. Louise and Borden owned the inn at one time, so it was an "old home" experience for Louise. She is well but, like the rest of us, is not too keen on driving long distances. ✷ Our sympathy goes to **Beverly Browning Gilbert** on the death in April of her husband, Art '38. Bev's daughter—a Wellesley graduate married to a Midd graduate who is a lawyer in Vergennes, VT—was taking a course in Burlington, VT, where she discovered that one of her classmates was the daughter of **Marjorie Kohr Lovell**. ✷ We regret to report the recent loss of three of our classmates: **Lenard Blanchette** on January 16, **William Watt** on March 15, and **Margaret Carter Premo** on May 8. The condolences of the class are extended to their families. ✷ **Ruth Coleman Skinner** has been manning the local information booth on Tuesday afternoons, besides playing bridge twice a week, Women's Club, and traveling to visit her large family. Ruth is putting together an album of Midd pictures. She says her grandkids get a kick out of what we looked like. ✷ **Thor Gustafson** had his usual big, successful garden this summer. **Carol Miner Gustafson** writes that she is very busy with "too many meetings," garden club, hospital auxiliary, and bridge every other week. She and Thor drove to Georgia for the wedding of their grandson, Jonathan. Their daughter, Gwenda Gustafson Malnati '67, has uncovered Swedish cousins through her genealogy work. When the cousins came to the U.S., Carol and Thor entertained them and Gwenda for a long getting-acquainted weekend. ✷ **Bill Stoops** writes that he and his wife are still traveling to local scenic places. ✷ **Jeanette Olson Gould** enjoyed a weekend celebrating the graduation from BC of her granddaughter, Caroline Gould. ✷ **Dorothy Korb Carter** recently traveled to Pennsylvania, with her daughter and her husband, to receive a plaque signifying her grandfather's induction into the Pennsylvania Winter Sports Hall of Fame. Her grandfather was the civil engineer who laid out the plans in 1903 for Eaglesmere, PA, including a toboggan slide that is still in use today. ✷ With the aid of therapy, **Marilynn Manning Baldwin** is feeling much better. She and her husband are moving to be near their son, who is an architect in Toledo. (New address: The Woodlands, #307, 4030 Indian Rd., Toledo, OH 43606.) Mimi sends news of **Betty Ann Dunning Jones**. She reports that Betty Anne is still playing tennis, that their condo was not endangered by the terrible fires in Colorado, and that they recently returned from a motor trip to the South.

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Class Secretary: *Marjorie Burditt Striker, 211 Sandy Pond Rd., Lincoln, MA 01773.*

In my haste to report opinions on the idea of a fall reunion, I neglected to include some items I had received for the summer column. Please forgive. ✷ **Martha Taylor Elliott** had written about spending a week in Maine with **Loring Pratt** and his wife. Martha, Loring, and **Ed Morse** enjoyed a sail on Loring's son's boat. ✷ **Gerry Dansereau Miles** added her voice to those of us unable to travel as we once could: "My roommate **Ginny Tiffany Leighton** and good friend **Esther Korn Kerschner** are only a couple of hours' drive to the south of me. I would love to see them." ✷ Another communication, delayed by my oversight, came from **Ken Temple**. He wrote: "I just finished re-reading a book by Edwin Way Teale. Entitled *North with the Spring*, it tells of a trip he and his wife made, starting in Florida and following the spring as it moved northward and also up the mountain slopes. In the book, Teale refers to Aretas A. Saunders, who was the father of our classmate **Stan Saunders**. Aretas Saunders was the outstanding expert of bird songs in his time, and his book, *A Guide to Birdsong*, is marvelous." (I read Teale's book shortly after receiving Ken's letter and am indebted to Ken for mention of it.) ✷ An anonymous classmate (from the Utica area) sent me an article from the Rutland, VT, newspaper on the College's dismantling of the former "new" science building and the huge effort being made to recycle much of the material. It sounds like a very worthwhile endeavor. ✷ **Donald Noonan** is "enjoying retirement in the Catskill Mountains of New York. We are near our great-grandchildren (four) and other family members." He claims that his "health is good, for 84 years of mis-use!" ✷ **Bob** and **Bobbie Plumer Alden** joined other Cape Cod Middlebury alumni at a cocktail party hosted by Mark Uppendahl '75, held at the Wequasset Inn in Harwich, MA. It was part of the annual Middlebury Cape Cod Alumni Golf weekend. Mike Schoenfeldt '73 represented the College and spoke of the latest developments at Middlebury. Prizes were awarded to various golfers for their achievements on that day. Over Memorial Day weekend, Bob and Bobbie were attending the graduation of their granddaughter, Hilary Johnson, daughter of Shari Galligan Johnson '68, marking the third generation of Midd graduates. ✷ In the spring '02 magazine were accounts of the deaths of three classmates. **Pearl Stevens Farman** had taught for 30 years in high schools and was active in her community and church. **Jesse Gordon** was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Supply Corps and had worked as a manager for Pacific Bell. **Asa Shiverick** had been a pilot in World War II and retired as president of an engineering company. ✷ We were delighted to hear from **Tab Hamlin** in July: "I'm back from five busy days in Paris, visiting areas I remember from 1926-1928 when I lived there. The high point was a tour of the Ecole Alsacienne, which I attended in third and fourth grades and where I was welcomed by the current director and his staff. He told me that the school is very much in touch with Middlebury's Paris branch. The Ecole has grown a lot: it now has 1600 students, K-12 and postgraduate. Another high point was a visit to Montmartre and its beautiful Basilica of the Sacred Heart, which overlooks the whole city. I did much, much walking and much, much subway riding in the superb Metro system, and was amused and impressed by the tiny automobiles that seem to be everywhere in the less posh parts of the city, including the part I stayed in, just across from the Dupleix Metro Station, which is elevated at that point. A great visit!"

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Class Secretaries: *S.J. House, 51 McKinstry Hill Rd., Hyde Park, VT 05655; and Ruth Packard Jones (Mrs. Charles), 4106 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

Secretary Jones reports: After years of absence from Vermont, **Jane Skillman Sara** returned twice during summer 2001 and was most enthusiastic about coming back this summer with **Peg Wiley Thomson**, who enjoys traveling about, visiting her many Vermont friends. Jane works one day a week

in her Alexandria, VA, library and is happy in her present location, where two other (younger) Midd alums live. ✷ In New Haven, CT, **Jean Emmons** lives in a co-op, where she continues to enjoy her porch garden, now devoted wholly to flowers. She has had problems with pigeons and finches eating the buds off her alyssum! ✷ **Connie Girard Brown** recently returned from a month in the hospital, following a stroke. She sounded good and highly praised the Helen Hayes Rehabilitation Center, where she got wonderful help. ✷ All is well with **Shirley Metcalf Handforth**. She is in touch with **Ellie Gillett Blauvelt**, who has been having health problems. She saw Laddie **(Edith Ladd) Evans** and **Alice Noppel Knight** at an Elderhostel a year ago. Alice has moved to Sun City, where Shirley looks forward to seeing her. After last year's extensive trip north for reunion and the graduation of two grandchildren, Shirley and Carl decided to spend a quieter summer close to home. ✷ **Marge Barkdull** has been hard to reach. If anyone has been in contact with her, we would appreciate hearing about it. ✷ An unfortunate accident (in which no one was hurt) prevented Jamen **(Frances Jane) Hayden Trask** from visiting Grimmie (**Edith Grimm) Miller** in New Hampshire, but she was hoping to work out something later in the summer. In the meantime, she was enjoying her "new" little house. ✷ Betty **(Elizabeth) Wolfington Hubbard** sounded fine over the phone. She was cleaning out her house, but had yet to decide where she will go. Her daughters planned to join her in August; hopefully they will help her work out a plan. She keeps busy with library activities and daily morning walks with a neighbor and his dog. ✷ Our best wishes are also with Sue and **Roger Griffith**, also struggling through the ordeal of cleaning out their home of many years, preparatory to making a change. ✷ **Caroline Butts Dodge** says there are several Midd alums in her residence, but they are much younger. Glaucoma prevents her from driving or reading, but she is looking into getting talking books. ✷ An unfortunate fall just before **Bill** and Pat Noe '44 **Bursaw** were to return from Florida in May resulted in a fractured pelvis for Bill. Back at last in their North Andover residence, he was keeping at his exercise and progressing very well. ✷ On May 10, Erik Carleton '02 from the Alumni Office brought three Middlebury students to Wake Robin for a luncheon with Marion Cole Morhouse '36, Beverly Browning Gilbert '39, **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker**, and me (Packy). Fred Erdman '75, an officer of Wake Robin, joined us for lunch and several other residents joined the group later to talk about Midd. Erik distributed souvenirs, and it was a very pleasant occasion. ✷ **Debbie Mayo Beattie** was planning to do some senior bowling to keep in shape over the summer and prepare for the fall competitive bowling season. ✷ On reunion weekend, Marion Cole Morhouse '36 and Packy attended the Gamaliel Painter luncheon at Proctor and later enjoyed the impressive Sabra Field '57 exhibit at the Middlebury College Museum of Art. ✷ In late June, **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker** had two great weekends with family and friends, visiting several museums in Washington and Boston. Truly an art feast! ✷ Shaubie (**Margaret Shaub**) had a lovely trip abroad in May. She came to a Sunday brunch in late June at Wake Robin, giving us an opportunity to visit with her. ✷ Miggles (**Margaret Whittlesey**) says she is feeling well, but has had to give up driving, due to macular degeneration. She also has problems associated with diabetes. ✷ **Jean Connor** is making a remarkable recovery from her back surgery. It was a great relief to "shed" her brace, so that she can bend over to do such things as pick flowers from her lovely garden. ✷ Packy (**Ruth Packard Jones**) anticipated a family reunion at Cape Cod late in July, hoping it would be as great as last year. It was wonderful having a granddaughter (Elizabeth Monk) as a freshman at Midd last year and a joy to see how happy she has been. Although we have not gotten together a great deal, it has helped me to feel closer to her and to the College. ✷ Many thanks to classmates who have called or sent notes. Even though you feel you have no special news to report, it is so important to keep in touch. Thanks especially to **Alice McCutcheon, Doris Wickware, Barbara Grow Grim**, and **Helen Rothery Higbee**. ✷ Secretary House is also grateful for communications from classmates. **Charles** and **Doris Wolff Bartlett** recently completed a 3,350-mile trip around the eastern U.S. They visited relatives and are, as usual, in good health. We will soon be getting a change of address for this hardy couple, who were planning a move into a retirement complex in early September. ✷ **Nick Krauszer** keeps in touch with **Roz Schenck**, but has lost touch with other classmates. Nick writes that he is "doing the best I can with my physical condition as it is, MS. We still live on Long Island and have two children and six grandchildren. One grandson is in the Army and the oldest granddaughter is starting college in September." ✷ **Bill McMahon** wrote from Port Charlotte, FL: "Just a line to keep in touch, after all these years. Still living here in the Deep South, enjoying the weather and braving the ever-threatening summer hurricanes. Plan a trip north this summer, visiting a daughter in Washington, DC, and the other in Greensboro, NC. Got lucky recently, managing to win the gold at the Charlotte County Senior Games (80-85 age group) Tennis and Doubles Tournament. Must keep the movable parts moving! Hope to see you at the 65th."

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Class Secretaries: *Philip and Betty Blanchard Robinson (probinson410buff@aol.com), 410 Buffington Rd., Syracuse, NY 13224.*

Retiring Class Secretaries Jack and Nancy Rindfusz Bates report: Whew! Our big weekend is over. For those of you who couldn't come, we missed you. **John Comstock** and **Ray Squire** were under the weather. **Dixie Davis** didn't make it, because his wife is ill. **Jared Wend**'s daughter wrote that Jared is living with her and his wife is in an assisted living facility. Jared is cheerful and likes to join hymn sings and other singalongs. I'm sure these house-bound classmates would enjoy a note from you. ✷ We had quite a list of attendees: **Bill** and **Meg Buscher Andrews, Roger Arnold, Jack** and **Nancy Rindfusz Bates, June Perry Conklin, Joan Calley Cooper, Margaret Fell Council, Nina Camuti Danielsen** (and her delightful son), **Margaret Woods Eriksson, Harriet Tillinghast Fuller, Pat Kane MacFadden, Virginie Witte Miller, Robert Northrop, Sue Hulings Ottinger, Elinor Dickie Rankin, Hope Rood Redway** (all the way from England!), **Helen Rivel** (our adopted classmate), **Phil** and **Betty Blanchard Robinson, Ted Russell, Myrtle Bestick Silvester, David Smith, Peter Stanlis, Ira Townsend, Nancy Hall Whitehouse, Conrad Wilson, Helen Hooley Young**. ✷ The College didn't miss a beat in entertaining us. We had a lovely luncheon at the home of the McCardells and a fantastic lobster dinner in tents behind Forest. The weather cooperated and Saturday and Sunday were beautiful. Hope Redway wrote, "I'll never forget the scene behind Forest with all those white marquees and chefs cooking lobsters, which were delicious." Our class dinner went well and **Peter Stanlis** gave a fine talk about his favorite subject, Robert Frost. There is nothing about R.F. he doesn't know. On Saturday morning in the chapel, we were treated to an up-close presentation by Ari Fleischer '82. He has a lot of information at his fingertips and dispenses it carefully. ✷ **Ira** and Sara Martenis '41 **Townsend** wrote that the "60th Reunion was great! We enjoyed chatting with classmates. The tour around town was especially eye-opening. Middlebury has surely changed, even though the College spirit clearly still exists!" ✷ The ever present Bateses are bowing out as class secretaries, due to health concerns. We hope we'll continue to hear from you. Blessings upon **Phil** and **Betty Blanchard Robinson** for stepping into take over the job. Phil writes that he and Betty will be looking forward to news from all of you via Christmas cards. We'll miss this connection to our class and Middlebury. Thank you all for your notes and cards over the years. "We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but I'm sure we'll meet again, some sunny day."

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Class Secretaries: *Chick Johnson Doe, 327 Ayer Rd., Harvard, MA 01451; and Dr. John S. Gale (jsgale@shore.net), 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

A call to **Elly Reier Brown** found her in chaos, due to work going on in the family living quarters. She and husband Fielding recently enjoyed an art show at Williams College, his alma mater and her "other" alma mater. ✷ **Skip Wilkin Dimond** reports on the mishaps of some of her recent lunch guests. Both **Mil Carson Bonow** and **Bounce Dale** were having eye problems and **Peggy Bowles Smith** arrived with a cane and a cast, having fallen into a rhubarb patch! **Ginnie Carpenter Halstead** and **Marty Newton Van Gaasbeck** were also present and in good health. ✷ Although **Ruth Vedder Truax** is in so-called retirement, she maintains the farm and handles the rentals involved. She travels to New Orleans to visit her son, and they have been abroad together several times. However, she's doubtful about making the trip to Middlebury for Reunion. She feels travel is getting to be too much, something many of us feel. But having made our 55th and also 55-1/2 Reunions, we feel Reunion is an experience not to be missed! Apparently **Bobbie Higham Winner** agrees, because she and husband George are hoping to be there, despite the driving difficulties that come with our age. Still busy with church and community affairs, Bobbie was recovering from a fall, with her granddaughter's September wedding the goal for complete recovery. ✷ **Carolyn Ohlander DePodwin** insists they are mostly retired, even though she's still an active real estate broker and spends time at the office. Her other activity is gardening. Happily the DePodwins are both hale and hearty and thinking about attending reunion. ✷ **Teddy Hood Bittmann** says she does much less church work. She only continues to sing in the choir, support a home for the homeless, supply them food, search for apartments for them, build with Habitat for Humanity, and counsel women having trouble with landlords! Whew! With all that, she still maintains her nursing license and is occasionally called on in that capacity. We're happy that

she is "very definitely" planning on reunion. ✷ **Bookie Bouck Hildebrandt** loves Beverwycck, where she keeps busy and involved. She also plans to both attend *and* help with our 60th! ✷ **Loie Groben Gilmore Doe** and husband Bill have moved to 4 Simon Atherton Row in Harvard: "The house is much smaller, but still has a spare room!" Many thanks to Loie (umbie@mymailstation.com) for contributing to our class news. ✷ The condolences of the class have been expressed to Kelly DeLong Desmond '46, on the loss of husband **Bill Desmond** on June 30, several weeks after he had major surgery. After a long and productive career of teaching and coaching, Bill became a sportswriter and observer of nature, putting to use his extensive knowledge of the major sports and also of trout fishing in one of the flycaster's legendary rivers, the Neversink, and adjacent bodies of water. ✷ **Stan Tupper** writes: "The death of **Earle Bishop**, a close friend since 1939, is a great loss to his family, his countless friends, to Middlebury, and the State of Vermont. This amiable, gentle giant epitomized all that we associate with a Vermonter. Bish served his state with distinction in the public offices he held, including state's attorney, clerk of the Vermont House, and secretary of the Vermont Senate. He was a respected attorney with a fine legal mind and an abundance of common sense. My wife, Jill, and I enjoyed a number of long weekends with Bish and Birgid, his gracious, longtime companion. The four of us attended several Midd reunions together. I was fortunate to have had Bish as a friend." ✷ **George Nitchie** says he's in reasonably good health. His mild emphysema doesn't limit his gardening and travels to Vermont. He and Laura have a farmhouse and 45 acres in Tunbridge, where they spend much of their summers. George reports that Laura's health problems have been stable now for several years. ✷ **Scott** and **Putt Wolff Eakeley** are "surviving nicely." In spite of his macular degeneration, Scott is still golfing, gardening, and doing some traveling, especially to see the theatrical productions in which a grandson has roles. In their garden, Putt furnishes the eyes and Scott the handwork, since Putt's arthritis limits what she can do manually. One son and one daughter live nearby, providing both joy and support as they continue to live in their home of many years. ✷ **Skip Wilkin Dimond** and **Bob Rude** were married last spring in the First Presbyterian Church in Stamford, CT. Skip will continue to be known as Skip Dimond. Blessings on them both! Skip and **Bob Byington** have agreed to co-chair our 60th Reunion gift committee. ✷ In March, **Dick Morehouse** underwent a surgical repair of a faulty mitral heart valve plus a double coronary artery bypass. He has recovered nicely and was out mowing their lawn on Vinal Haven when we called in July. Still doing a bit of architectural work, he had two projects underway on the island. Grandchildren were there for the summer, keeping the place jumping. **Lee** is very well, aside from minor knee problems. ✷ Reached by phone in Stowe, **Harry Rossi** was enjoying one of those memorable July days with a cloudless sky, low humidity, and a breeze coming off the mountain. The family of one of his daughters were visiting; the other two children and their families had also visited. Earlier, Harry traveled to Tuscany to visit the area from which his family emigrated, as well as southern France and Monte Carlo. Says he expects to get to the 60th.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham) (nmatkins@prodigy.net), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

Now happily ensconced in their retirement residence in Lansdale, PA, **Jeanne Chatfield Addison** reports that they finally emptied out their 10-room house and sold it. So now she and husband Edward are enjoying the doings of their grandchildren. Their oldest granddaughter was spending a month touring South America before putting her nose to the grindstone at Harvard Business School. ✷ In June, **Betty Broadbent Brown** attended the 60th reunion of her late husband, Charlie, and the eighth grade graduation of grandson Bart at the Hotchkiss School. She anticipated the Brown family reunion in Bay Head, NJ, in August. ✷ **Priscilla Bryant Kelly** and husband Ted '45 celebrated Pat's 80th birthday with all of their children and many grandchildren there. Their son has purchased their Belfast

On May 18, Al Boissevain '44 (standing at center rear) hosted an enthusiastic group of Middlebury wine tasters at his vineyard in Georgetown, CA.: Pat Harvey Oehler '47, Doris Smith Earnshaw '46, Jack Hale '48, Gail Bliss Allen '57, Barbara Wilson Woolman '57, Meredith Alexander '96, the host, Jenny Arnold '98, Doris Stewart (M.A. French '66), Dan Boxwell '99, and Paul Sabin '70.

home and they are moving to a one-level, ground-floor apartment in Bath, ME, near daughter Nancy. ✷ Barbara and **Hugh Taft** report that their daughter, Pamela Taft-Dick '73, granddaughter Joya (18), and grandson Philip (13) were evacuated on June 6 from Islamabad, Pakistan, along with other UN families. Joya had just graduated from International School of Islamabad; she was entering Middlebury (Class of 2006) in September. Her brother, Jonathan '04, was not going to be there to introduce her, as he was starting his junior year abroad in Florence, Italy. ✷ Late last winter, **Shirley Earl Banta** and her husband "spent a memorable two weeks with our Bolivian family (an exchange student of 1974) and friends. They took us on a six-day trip through the Andes, jungle, rain forests, Inca ruins, and mission churches. Most of all we experienced again the warmth and friendly hospitality of these wonderful people." ✷ **Bill** and **Ingrid Monk Stevenson** welcomed their second great-grandchild, a girl, Reagan, on June 9. They were heading to Atlanta for the wedding of granddaughter Kerrie, where the whole family was gathering. ✷ **John Cadwell** told us in a phone call that grandson Chris will enter Middlebury in February, thus adding another milestone of Middlebury Cadwells. John's father graduated in 1897. ✷ **Helen Beardslee Johnstone**'s grandson graduated from Univ. of VA and was going to the Dominican Republic as a Peace Corps volunteer in September. ✷ **Al Rathbun** and wife Sally visited Sally's brother in Tucson, AZ, last April. Finding the area to their liking, they were wondering if a move from their home in California might be tempting. ✷ At 80 ("unexpectedly," he writes) **Peter Jennison** says he's a bit creaky, but relatively mobile, having kept his passport busy by going to St. Croix in February, London in May, and a week of playgoing at the Stratford Festival in Ontario. In late September, he was performing "An Afternoon with Willie Maugham" at the Norman Williams Public Library in Woodstock, VT. ✷ Many thanks to those who sent letters and e-mails for this issue!

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Retired after 45 years of busy group practice of pediatrics, **Tom Caldroney** writes that "golf, gardening, gym (trying to keep bod working), plus annual overseas trip keeps us comfortably busy." They live one-half hour from Williamsburg, but have found no Midd people in their area so far. Tom's wife, nee Phyllis Dunham, an amateur genealogist, has discovered she is a distant relative (second cousin?) to **Phil Dunham**. Tom hopes to make it to our 60th in 2005. He reports that he shares about 176 alumni years with siblings Gladys Caldroney '37 and Ruth Caldroney Allen '48! ✷ **Jill Cioffi Stoffel** writes from DC: "All I can say is, how did I manage a family of three children, entertain, travel, and put in a 40-hour-plus work week? Of course the answer is I was a lot younger! I still try to do all of the above at a distance and am now spending two days a week as a volunteer at the State Department, preparing for our annual book fair. In between, there are hospital calls, doctor's visits, etc." ✷ **Dick McCrudden**, who left us for the mountain troops and graduated from the Univ. of NH, sent a brief update, warning that "many wild details have been left out." After 40 years with the Aspen Skiing company, he retired 12 years ago as administrative director of the Aspen, Buttermilk, and Snowmass Ski Schools. "Since then my lifestyle has changed very little. I ski on the nice days all winter at one of the mountains in Aspen, and now and then at Vail or Beaver Creek. My summers are spent hiking almost every day, in the high country whenever possible. I still hunt elk and fish for trout in the isolated alpine lakes. I spend a little time each spring and fall at our house in Scottsdale, AZ, and attend a big jazz party while there. We also attend a large jazz party in Denver each year. My wife, Connie, a former fashion model, is still active as an interior designer. We built a new house seven years ago in Carbondale, 30 miles down the valley from Aspen. Here it is quiet and Connie likes the warmth and lack of snow in a little lower altitude. ✷ **Priscilla Hodges Heald** and a friend did a walking tour in England on the Isle of Wight. The week-long walk included cliff and coastal areas in the Freshwater Bay Area. They spent a second week in Norfolk and the Cotswolds to the west of London. "It was a bit blustery, but we like wet, windy weather. We had a great trip!" ✷ **Shirley Miller Stearns** reports that May 2 was a cool, damp day in NYC, but there was a warm convivial mini-reunion at Sardi's, keeping up the more than 20-year tradition. **Mew Wisotzkey McClellan** organized it and came laden with a generous supply of Midd memorabilia to share. Participants this year, along with Mew, were **Alice Southworth Twibble** (visiting from Sarasota, FL,

with her husband to see their daughter), **Barbara Platou Gerra** (from Bethlehem, PA), **Ann Robinson Hitchner Walker** and **Jean Luckhardt Barclay Robins** (from Medford Leas, NJ), **Bette Bertschinger Saul** (from Philadelphia), and **Shirley Miller Stearns** (from Beechhurst, Queens), Manhattanites **Ruth Collins Shikes** and Ed Porter (the engaging and versatile son of **Alice Frederickson Porter**). Shirley writes: "Ed, an actor, writer, and furniture maker, joined us last year in fond remembrance of his mother, and it was a great pleasure to have him with us again. Heartfelt greetings to absentees, including 'regulars' **Paula Knight Jeffries, Elizabeth Casey Wallace**, and **Jo Higgins Wolfley** (who was at a family celebration in Texas). We hope you will be with the group next year. We are already looking forward to it!"

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Barbara Busing Harris reports that their third Middlebury grandchild graduated magna cum laude in May. He is Joshua Onion '02, the son of Barbara's daughter, Anne Harris Onion '69. ✷ **Ann Argyle Lerew** and Jack report that the devastating forest fires in Colorado thankfully did no damage

A June gathering of '46ers in Quechee, VT, brought together Rebecca Fraser Cremer, Marilyn (Breezie) Arey McGeehan, Sheila Schmidt Rowland, Joan Campbell Shaw, Barbara Flink Ewels, and Mary Caswell Jones. Living up to her nickname, Breezie said it was one of the few times she has driven 550 miles for lunch. In point of fact, Becky Cremer made it from Hilo, HI.

either to their Denver home or to their residence in Dillon. There must have been some worrisome moments, however, as the fire was only about 35 miles away. ✷ In May, the peripatetic Breezie (**Marilyn Arey McGeehan**) drove from her winter home in Florida to her summer place in New York (P.O. Box 234, Dresden, NY 14441). She informs us that the area code for her winter phone in Florida has now changed to 772. ✷ Travelers **Jeanne Picard Johnson** and Arthur traveled to Mexico last winter to see Copper Canyon, then enjoyed Elderhostel programs in Phoenix and Tucson ("symphony and desert flora, etc., plus study of F.L. Wright's architecture at Taliesin West"). Back at home, Jeanne had a cataract removed February 13 and a knee replacement February 21. In May they were off to Amsterdam for a cruise to Vienna, then were spending a week each in Prague and Budapest, "where we shall see an AFS student who came to Charlotte a few years ago." ✷ A minor Midd reunion was held on June 27 at Quechee, VT, with **Becky Frazer Cremer** (who came to the mainland for her 60th high school reunion), **Joan Campbell Shaw** and Doug, **Breezie McGeehan, Sheila Schmidt Rowland** and Bill, **Barbara Flink Ewels** and Jack, and **Mary Caswell Jones.** Breezie states that it was one of the few times she has driven 550 miles for lunch. ✷ **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom** was spending the summer months in New Hampshire; after August they planned to return to Pinehurst. ✷ **Mary Anderson Williams** has moved to Maryland to be close to her daughter. She is back playing basketball and softball again. Her "Over 70" softball team won the gold medal at the senior games in Virginia. Way to go, Andy! ✷ **Louise Heald Aines** was back in Rockport, MA, for the summer. She celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary recently on a cruise to Bermuda with her two grandsons, who were about to enter high school. ✷ **Kelly Delong Desmond** sends the sad news that her husband, Bill '43, passed away on June 30. We send our condolences to Kelly. The good news is that Kelly has mended very well from a severe leg fracture she sustained while skiing last January. She plans to be back on the slopes this winter. ✷ **Mary Nasmith Means** has been involved in a fascinating project with her sister. They have been gathering letters from their mother, written when she was in China from 1910 to 1925. The letters have been assembled and were published as a book this summer. Under the title *A Golden Glow in the East*, the book should be available by special order through Borders and Amazon and, hopefully, in bookstores. ✷ Another mini-Midd reunion was held in late June in Connecticut. Meeting for lunch were **Glo Antolini Keyser, Alice Thorn Laquer, Jane Strayer Hess, Joanne Davis Hohmeister, Nancy Rathgeb Smith, Phyllis Hewson Evans**, and **Lois Brigham Selnau**, together with ever-faithful surviving husbands Ed Laquer, Elmer Selnau, Frank Hohmeister, and Sheldon Evans. "A joyful time, even for a few hours." In closing your class secretaries again urge you to send us your e-mail addresses. We need to remind you periodically that we are thirsting for news—and so are your classmates. And, of course, snail mail is also completely acceptable.

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Class Secretaries: *Virginia Stowell James (jinjamvsj@cs.com), 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472.*

Brochures about our 55th Reunion bore amusing sketches of innovative travel, suggesting that each of us should try to return to Midd "any way we can." The list at registration had names of 29 class members who planned to come and reunion weekend unrolled as planned. Many live or vacation in Vermont or the northeastern states, but others had a real trek for the big event. **Alice Ashley Costello, Bev Beach Grant**, and **Muriel Mack Lamppert** came from Ohio; **Jean Gunther** and **Jeannette Cunninghma Kidd** from Virginia, **Betsy Hornaday Fry** from Pennsylvania, **Dru Williams Schoch** from North Carolina; and **Jean Mace Burnell**, the champion traveler, flew in from Seattle. Virginia residents **Shirley Ayres Tilden** and Walt summer at Lake Champlain, so they came from there. We all had a great time catching up on one another's news at every occasion, from the class dinner on Friday at Proctor dining hall, to the final Sunday brunch in the same location. As we were conveniently housed in Gifford, with class headquarters in the annex lounge, we had many opportunities to meet and reminisce. We even had good weather! That was a special plus for springtime in Vermont. ✷ On Friday afternoon, the prize-winning video retrospective of 200 years at Middlebury was offered in Bicentennial Hall, as was a baseball video, and a tour of that great hall and Ross Commons. After the class dinner, many went to enjoy the Dissipated Eight's a cappella presentation at the student center. It was great! A luncheon of the Cane Society on Friday also made for good memories: to this writer, seeing and talking with Gordie Perine '49 and **Alice Neef Perine** was one of the best. ✷ On Saturday, our casual breakfasting was followed by a campus tour of new facilities with our guide and student assistant, Swetha Sridharan—who walked backward all the time as she addressed us! The many student guides were wonderful and a real help in many ways, besides reassuring us that, although 55 years have passed since our graduation, we need have no fears about the spirit, courtesy, and quality of Middlebury students today. They were terrific! ✷ Our class was one of five privileged to lunch on Saturday at the South Street home of President and Mrs. McCardell. Our class photograph was taken at that time. Shuttle service by the College made it easy for us to transfer from Gifford and back, one of the perks of our increasing years. The reunion parade and alumni convocation followed, and we were very proud indeed to learn that the Class of '47 had won the Gold Key Award for the highest percentage of giving by a class after the 50th. Fundraising co-chairs **Nat Simpson MacDonald** and **Lynn Bruhn** thank class members for their 78 percent participation, contributing over $102,000 to our 55th Reunion Class Gift. Lynn and Nat also thank the nine solicitors who contacted all of our class members. It was a glorious reunion and we wish all of you had been there to enjoy it. On Saturday night, which was balmy and clear, we had our banquet in a big white bent on Battell Field. A New England clambake was provided, from boiled lobsters, clam chowder, chicken, corn, and all the rest, on to strawberry shortcake. Each class was in its own tent. A perfect evening. ✷ After breakfast in Proctor dining hall on Sunday, we attended Chapel service, noting several of our classmates in the Reunion Choir. An emotional moment before President McCardell's talk came through the words of tribute offered by the son of our classmate, **Pinky deCanizares Heinrichs**, who died in 1987. Jay Heinrichs '77 greeted us as his mother's classmates and spoke of her friendships among us. ✷ Despite all the joys of chatting about one another's activities, there was also the shadow of realization that we are ever fewer in number. **George Booth** and **Gilbert Boerner** died in February; **Betty Pickles Cox** and **Lee Koster Barclay** in March; and **Jackie Simon Moore** in April. The sympathy of the class is extended to each one's family, for we remember each one fondly and well, and we will miss them. **Nancy Finley Garrett**, whose sister reports she is quite ill, was also missed, as were those of you who could not attend, whatever the reason. ✷ Many attendees shared news: **Charlotte Davis Wilson** has moved to Massachusetts, where she sees **Ellen Chalmers Steen** from time to time. She enjoys grandchildren and a new computer, offering her e-mail address for friends: Chada26@aol.com. **Jean Mace Burnell** is thrilled with two new daughters-in-law, and was also thrilled to be attending reunion, as she missed the 50th. **Ginny Lee Costello**, who still lives in Boston, has just retired (!) and is now studying German in anticipation of visiting her brother

in Garmisch, Germany. **Lauraine Goodrich** said her trip to reunion was a spur-of-the-moment idea and she was *so* glad to be there. **Bev Beach Grant** confesses to a feeling of wanderlust, possibly finding retirement rather quiet. Travel desires grip many of us, Bev! **Betsy Hornaday Fry** told of plans for Europe shortly after reunion; **Muriel Mack Lamppert** travels often to Maryland to see her grandchildren; and **Jinny Stowell James** gets to Florida occasionally, and to Maine every summer. **Bobbie Bates Lauterwasser** and husband Herb are involved in a chorale and in church choir; they rejoice in living near family in New Hampshire. **Dru Williams Schoch** is busy with church and family, but generously invites classmates to "stop by when in Raleigh, NC." **Betty Galloway Masterson** is still a trustee at the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation and also volunteers for other organizations. Other attendees included **Jean Davis Battey, Helen Swan Cawood, Mollie Stevens Chesbrough, Phyl Burke Cunningham, Joyce Walsh Heath, Mary Pitz Hunt, Jean Taggart Lindblad** and Carl, **Sue Carr Pauli, "Steeny" Rolls Pepin, Marion (Scottie) Durkee Stillman, Anita Strassel Tiemann**, and honorary class member **Carl Needy** (the late **Betty Macgill Needy**'s husband). ✷ Several late notes came after reunion had ended, from classmates who could not attend. **Eunice (Tunie) Goodfellow Ratnaike** wrote that she has had two falls during the year, so had to miss it, but she looks forward hopefully to our 60th. Tunie lives in Northridge, CA (address available on request) and sent her greetings. **Victor Springer** and his wife were leading a group to Armenia at that time and were not due to return until after reunion. **Ruth Hulett Griffiths**, who had attended our 50th, had to miss this one, but sent love and greetings to all. **John Moriarity** had planned to attend, but developed a hamstring injury that prevented him from driving any great distance. He hoped we had a great reunion and hopes to make our 60th. Since retiring as a Nassau County district court judge in 1993, John has been working as a judicial hearing officer in Nassau and Suffolk counties. The condolences of the class are extended to John on the February death of daughter Lisa, from heart failure. She was 40 years old. ✷ To every reader who could not be there: Stay well, we missed you, and do try to come for the 60th! As we wrap our 55th Reunion in memories, we need just *one more thing*: a willing classmate to help this writer gather news of friends each quarter. Every one is a friend remembered. To sign on, notify the alumni editor or your correspondent.

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Class Secretaries: *Daniel R. and Joan Tyler Gilbert (dnygmhs@aol.com), 175 W. North St., #335C, Nazareth, PA 18064.*

It's time for everyone to start making plans to be in Middlebury June 6-8, 2003, for our 55th Reunion! Plans will be well underway by the time you read this column. Please drop us a line and assure us that you will be coming, and be in touch with old friends to encourage them to come back. If you have concerns about whether the College can accommodate our needs, do be sure to read the 1947 column above, and learn about their experiences last spring. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Mary Shuttleworth Spencer** on February 14, and of **Jeanne Morton** on April 1. The condolences of the class are extended to their families.

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Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and Bob M. Gore Jr., 60 Keenan Dr., Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Secretary Gore reports: **Doug Christie** is still very much involved with the Appalachian Mountain Club, concentrating on the development of the National Scenic Appalachian Trail. He has put some Vermont land that he owns into a conservation trust that will preserve a large portion of land in its natural state. He hoped to go to Scotland this summer and fulfill a long-standing dream. ✷ **Frank Colcord** is busy in retirement, helping senior citizens with their education. He has continued teaching at Harvard and Tufts, and is currently working at Tufts. He is involved with the Fellowship Book Store in Boston and sings in a men's chorus. ✷ **Ed Kania** is president of the Cheshire (CT) Historical Society and active with the Cheshire Land Trust. He plays a lot of tennis and went to Barbados and Sicily last year. ✷ **Dunc Law** goes back to Middlebury regularly, skis a lot and sees quite a few football and hockey games. He also sees **Spence Wright**. ✷ **Tom Mariner** reminded me that the Breakfast Sorority of Riverside, CT, will hold a breakfast this April 4 from 8 to 10 A.M. in honor of Gamaliel Painter's Cane Society. Tom is a soloist with his local men's group. ✷ **Bob Whittier** is active with his local Rotary club in South Hamilton, MA. He likes the British West Indies for vacationing. ✷ **Ferd Vetare** of Mt. Kisco, NY, is active in his American Legion and Lions Clubs. He's working hard to protect and preserve their local drinking water supply. He and his wife have a 48th wedding anniversary coming up! They went to Rome and toured a lot of Italy last year. ✷ **Charlie Puksta** recently had a hip operation. He is recovering nicely, but there have been no trips, etc. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Beatrice Oetjen Cone** on February 26, of **Anita Liptak** on April 6, and of **Michael Glowa** on July 2. The condolences of the class are extended to their families. ✷ Two students at Middlebury are deeply grateful for the support provided by the Class of 1949 Fund. One is a physics major, and one is pursuing a double major in history and Japanese. ✷ **Dixon Hemphill** made the *Washington Post* recently, in a long article on the benefits of exercise. At age 77, Dix is a champion marathoner, triathlete, and running coach. In 1999, while training for his 15th triathlon, he was hit by a car and thrown 25 feet from his bicycle. He suffered a smashed pelvis, punctured lung, broken shoulder, and other injuries. Ten months later, he ran in the Race for the Cure. "Frankly, I run because I like to win," says Dix, who was once the top runner in his 70-year-old age group and hopes to reclaim that spot. As **Mary Nasmith Means** writes: "Knowing Dix, his love of running, and competitive nature, I think he will."

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Secretary Paterson reports: Firstly, congratulations to my co-secretary and Bruce on their 51st anniversary. ✷ **Bruce Guillan** reports from Crystal Lake, IL, that he and Betsy have moved from the house in which they spent 35 years to a townhouse close by. After traveling to Europe as independent travelers for several years, they elected to celebrate their 50th by taking a cruise to Alaska with family. They so enjoyed the luxury of having their hotel room with them that they have since cruised the Danube from Budapest to Nuremberg and on to Prague. Encountering one of the negatives of aging (difficulty in obtaining car rentals in Europe), they're now looking forward to more river cruises. In several returns to Vermont they have visited **Warren** and **Ginsy Calhoun Frost** in Cornwall and relatives in Burlington and Grafton. Bruce also reiterates a feeling I think all of us have: that the class's 50th at Middlebury was truly a superb celebration. ✷ **Leigh Wright** recently published his sixth book, *Julian Pauncefote and British Imperial Policy, 1855-1889*. Leigh retired after 23 years of teaching in the department of history at the Univ. of Hong Kong. He served in the Navy during World War II before getting his Midd degree. A political analyst for the U.S. government in DC, he began specializing in Southeast Asian history and politics. He received his Ph.D. from the School of Oriental and African Studies, Univ. of London. He's now adjunct prof. of history in the Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa. ✷ An interesting career recap was received from (Bernard) **Frank Schlesinger**, recounting some of his extraordinary achievements in the world of architecture. (Bernie reverted to the name of Frank in pursuing his professional career.) His forte has been modern architecture and he recently retired after 30 years on the faculty of the Univ. of MD School of Architecture. He won the Washington AIA Chapter's Centennial Award in 2001, and has received five Progressive Architecture awards, while being featured in many publications. ✷ **Bernie Friedlander** reports that he has started taking undergraduate courses in Old Testament scriptures and is reveling in a rebirth of student life. He also reported the sad news of the death of his friend, **Jim Shapiro**. Jim lived many years in Luxembourg and had an outstanding career in aviation. ✷ Word has also been received of the death of **Homer Gray** in May. ✷ For the academic year 2001-2002, a Middlebury student from Maine was grateful to receive the Class of 1950 Scholarship. ✷ **Don Belden** and his wife enjoy living in Colorado with oldest son Mark. At age 76, the Beldens are happy to report good health, perhaps due to mountain walking and bike riding. ✷ Your secretary (Scotty) is also happy to report good health, though he limits exercise to every other day golf. He and Cathy are delighted with apartment living in Florida. Overlooking the swimming pool, with its complement of healthy, yuppie females in thong bathing suits helps, too. ✷ Our class certainly generated a number of outstanding citizens, but perhaps none of us achieved so much in athletics as did **John Corbisiero**. When he was visiting the Middlebury Web site, John noticed that football records seemed to go back no further than 1970. Most of us are aware that Middlebury had a superb football team record in the late 1940s. John was able to unearth records reporting that he averaged 6.1 yards per carry over a three-year period. After pointing this out to the athletic department, John's name was inserted for the second highest three-year rushing average and for the fifth best one-season rushing total. John was also able to dig out a *New York Times* article, from 1947, reporting that Paul Farrell '51 gained 261 yards rushing in the 1947 Union game. I suspect this is also an all-time Middlebury record, although not documented in the Midd Web site. After the memorable 1948 season, John was chosen first team New England Small College by INS, first team all New England Small and Large College by the *Boston Post* (in those days Boston actually had

more papers than just the *Globe* and the *Herald*), second team All New England Small and Large College by UPS, and was chosen for the Eastern College All-Star team, which included several All-America players, to play against the New York Giants. He was also chosen for the Tom Harmon Little All-American team. With all these achievements, though, what I remember most is that John was often seen with the very glamorous Pat Perkins. Wow! John, U da man! In corresponding with John lately, I was fascinated to learn of his many achievements. He received a football scholarship to Notre Dame in 1944, where he played regularly on offense and defense. He scored a touchdown in Notre Dame's defeat of Dartmouth in 1945. John joked that that was probably why he didn't receive a scholarship offer from Dartmouth after World War II. John served in the Merchant Marines, seeing action against Kamikazes during the invasion of Okinawa.

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Secretary DeLaney reports: **Don Axinn** doesn't seem to think much of any retirement idea. He had a new book of poems, *Change As a Curved Equation*, published in August. Don has obtained funding for a new film based on his first novel, *Spin*, to be made by an independent filmmaker. The film is expected to be made this fall and will be directed by Jamie Redford, who also wrote the screenplay. Don has been teaching specific writing courses at Hofstra Univ. After years of planning, a new museum, the Cradle of Aviation, has opened by Mitchel Field, an old Air Force base on Long Island. Within that museum is the Axinn Museum section, showcasing 70-odd planes from 1903 to 1993. Congratulations, Don, on your part in the creation of the overall museum. ✷ **Dick Perry** writes to say that he and Jean have moved to 50 Newport Rd., #62, New London, NH 03257. Neighbors in the same complex are Frank and **Marge Mering Sherman**. I hear from an unrelated source that Dick can't seem to completely give up his orthodontics practice, although golf is getting more of his attention these days. ✷ Back in early June, **Barbara Lukens Calkins, Carolyn Sackett Coleburn, Mary Krum Dale**, and respective spouses Jim, Ken '50, and Dave '50, departed on a trip to England. Unfortunately, Mary suffered a stroke in London and ended up in the hospital for 10 days. The other couples continued on their planned travels in Britain and had a good trip, all things considered. Mary and Dave remained in London for their entire stay, while Mary recovered. As of this writing (in July), she has recovered very nicely, to the point where she and Dave are planning to spend some time at their home in Granville, VT, this summer. ✷ **Charlotte Clark Hay** informs us that she returned home from a six-week stay in the hospital, recovering from a complicated case of pneumonia. Charlotte, keep up the recovery! ✷ With sadness we must report the passing of **Tom Lane** on April 24 and **Polly Upson Kahler** on May 2. Also we have learned of the passing of **Bob Dibble**'s wife, Gladys, in mid-May. On behalf of the class, we would like to express our sincere condolences to their families. ✷ In September 2001, Prof. Emeritus of Chemistry **Ken Carle** received a Distinguished Faculty Award at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. During an afternoon symposium, former students discussed their careers in chemistry and the impact the professor had on their personal lives. A banquet was held in the evening, attended by many former students. Ken, who was a member of the faculty from 1959-1992, reports it was "a great honor, as well as a grand event."

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Secretary Cahill reports: Your new secretaries hope we can do as well as our retirees, **Carol Whitham Brewster** and **Charles Ratté**. Our 50th Reunion was an overwhelming success, thanks to the College and to **Bill** and **Ruth Shonyo Trask**, who have graciously agreed to chair our 55th! "Winding Roads" certainly brought us up to date on most of our classmates, but please keep sending news to make this an interesting column. We saw 117 classmates and many spouses. Some few made their first trip back in 50 years. I enjoyed seeing **Betty Bates McCord** for the first time since college days, and **Lorna Bowlby West** came all the way from Cornwall, England. **Sharon Locke MacCartney** deserves notice for enticing six out of eight former Château waitresses to come to reunion, and most were able to stay on the same hallway in Forest West. We were very proud that 85 percent of our class participated in reunion giving. And we won the McCullough Cup for the highest number of alums back for reunion. We learned that 2002 marks the bicentennial of the first Middlebury graduation, on August 18, 1802, when Aaron Petty, the sole graduate, received his degree in absentia (because he was too ill to attend). ✷ We missed many classmates who were unable to be with us. Our condolences go to **Bob Bruns** and his family. His wife, Barbara Baker Bruns '54, passed away in April. We are also saddened to report that **Allan Mackinnon** died on March 16, and we extend the condolences of the class to his family. ✷ I had to leave reunion a day early to be a delegate to the Massachusetts State Democratic Convention to support my son Michael Cahill '83, who is running for statewide office. However, I met up with John and **Carol Holmes Phillips** the following week to catch up as we all marched in the Boston Gay Pride parade. ✷ **Sally Baldwin Utiger** sends news that she met Mary Webb (widow of **Doug Webb**) at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony of the USA New England Tennis Association and shared reunion news with her. Sally also tells of Joan Dye Gussow (widow of **Alan Gussow**) who is carrying on in her husband's footsteps by publishing her own book, *This Organic Life—Confessions of a Suburban Homesteader*. Sally recommends it highly to any who are interested in organic foods. ✷ Thanks to all who helped to celebrate the 50th! Remember to keep us up to date on your news!

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Millard Davis writes: "We drove to Tacoma and back through Colorado Springs, 6,520 miles in 17 days, taking more than 1,200 photos. Two articles (plus one by wife Carol) and a long poem are due out in *Wildflower* magazine (autumn, winter, and spring). We also took granddaughter Christina (13) with us to Cornell (my M.S. in 1958) for the Northeast Regional Master Gardener Conference. ✷ As you will have realized from your recent mail, Middlebury and your class have begun planning the details of our 50th Reunion. We have already received some great ideas from classmates about activities that will lead us down Memory Lane. **Jean Overhysser Arneberg** is our yearbook editor, while **Anne Goulding Davis** and **Dick Allen** are serving as reunion social chairs. Jean and Ann were back on campus recently, along with Nancy Hamilton Shepherd, Patricia Hamilton Todd, and Elizabeth Darling Sherburne, to get the ball rolling. The 50th Reunion is super special, and the College does such a great job of making everyone feel really back at home. We hope all of you are planning to be at Middlebury in June—especially those of you who have never attended a reunion! We really look forward to bidding you welcome! Fill out those questionnaires and get them back as soon as possible! We will be in touch!

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Secretary Nickerson reports: **Mary Moreau Cowan** and husband Paul moved to St. Helena Island, SC (not far from Beaufort) in 2000, and are enjoying it very much. They spend two months every summer on Vinal Haven Island in Maine, so perhaps we will stop by and see them as *Forger* cruises the Maine coast in August. The Cowans were meeting up with **Karl** and **Lois Robinson Limbach** in France in September. ✷ **Joan Emerson Sleinkofer** wrote on my BIG 70th birthday card (we must all be there now or very close to it!) that for her 70th she and her dog, Marcy, climbed Mt. Marcy! She said she hadn't done that for almost 50 years. Said it seemed to take forever and the next day her thigh muscles were screaming! Joan went to an Elderhostel on the *Queen Mary* last April. ✷ The Nickersons were heading for Vermont in late July to bring **Jaycee Cole Miller** back home from her cottage near Milton on Lake Champlain. They were anticipating getting to Middlebury to see the **Sabra Field** exhibit and were very anxious to see it. ✷ **Jean-Marie McKenna Cook** was looking forward to her first return to Middlebury in 48 years! A resident of Beirut, Lebanon, Jean-Marie was leaving for the U.S. in mid-August. She enrolled in Alumni College XXVII, where she was registered to study

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Plan now to be in Middlebury for this special event, June 6-8, 2003. For further information and to take part in the planning process, please contact Dick Powell '56 (repowell@erols.com) 703-743-5173.

Religion and Conflict in the Middle East. ✷ On a sad note, we regret to report the death of **Barbara Baker Bruns** on April 11, and send the condolences of the class to Bob '52 and their son Bob '77. ✷ Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Jane Potter Van Duser**, who died on April 25. ✷ Paul Kissinger, husband of **Joanne VerBryck Kissinger**, died suddenly on May 15 from a heart attack in England en route home from a two-week vacation in France. Our condolences go to Joanne, daughter Lisa Kissinger Kaplan '82, and son Scott Kissinger '80. ✷ Secretary Ryan reports: Greetings from Houston, TX. Interestingly, **Bill Skiff** spent a couple of years in Houston in the early 1970s, establishing a state-supported counseling center, Hope Center for Youth. Bill has retired, after working as a counselor with teenagers for 40 years. Unlike teens of 40 years ago, he noted in a recent telephone conversation, current teens have access to more drugs and a lot more unsupervised free time. "A lack of full-time parenting has left a lot of kids to their own devices." He was recently a counselor at an alternative school and got "20 percent of the graduating class accepted at Middlebury!" Then he added, "That's two out of eleven." Still, not bad! Lately, he participated in a "real" cattle drive in Colorado and a "great" fishing trip with his son in Alaska. He's a ski host at Bolton Valley in the winter ("skied 35 times last winter, free") and works part time in summer at Vermont National Country Club, where he is able to avoid the confiscatory greens fees. Sounds like a pretty good arrangement! ✷ **Elaine "Smitty" Rudd** wrote my wife, Emily Ryan (they attended the same elementary school): "We were both fine until March 26 when, while at a full stop, we were rear-ended by a large Ford pickup truck. Witnesses said that the driver never even hit his brakes. He just wasn't paying attention! Anyway, I wound up with a broken hip and Jack had cracked ribs, several nasty cuts (broken window), and many, many bruises." Elaine had to have surgery to nail the hip bone together. Jack's ribs are still sore and Elaine has to use a cane. "How your life can change in a split second!" Life is slowly returning to normal and she has gone back to working 25 hours a week as an editor at a small family 'scholarly' publishing company. ✷ While shopping for a wedding gift recently, my wife, Emily, came across a beautiful silver bowl in a small, antique silver shop in Houston. There was just one problem. It was engraved with the following: Robert Von Blon, Bowling Champion, Pelham Country Club, 1958. Emily was startled, because she had lived in Pelham Manor, NY. Her family had been members of the Pelham Country Club and our wedding reception was held there. Intrigued, she returned home, dug out her Pelham High School directory, and found "Robert Von Blon, class of 1943," with an address and phone number in St. Augustine, FL. We called him and he was the one! He was startled and a little wary at first, but soon he and Emily were comparing notes on the tennis coach, the swimming pool, and the bowling lanes. He mentioned, in passing, that he is a graduate of Amherst College. Now single, he seemed a little lonely, so I called the alumni office at Amherst to see if there were any alumni clubs located near him. I was transferred to Ann Janeway. When I mentioned Middlebury, it turned out she was a 1990 Middlebury graduate and her father, Ed Janeway (whom we all remember), graduated in 1955. Ann said that she would call Mr. Von Blon immediately and get him involved with some alumni activities. The moral of this story is: Don't dispose of your engraved silver bowls or, no matter where you are, your school or college (and particularly Middlebury) will find you! ✷ Keep those cards and letters coming. And stay involved, stay connected!

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Secretary Punderson reports: Leaving January 2002, Linda and I traveled three months in our motorhome. Of our total 10,000 miles, 2,500 miles (two months) involved white-knuckle driving in Mexico. Ran into some real trailer trash—Bob '54 and Barbara Totten Perkins '54—on a beach in Lo de Marcos, and spent two and one-half weeks with them, exploring the back country of the Sierra Madre. Great country and warm, hospitable people. ✷ Also last January, **Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Byers** traveled to New Zealand to "tramp" the five-day Milford Track and then join a tour of the South Island: "The Track is magical, winding through rain forests and high meadows, past lakes and waterfalls, and over the mountain pass. The South Island tour included Ron '56 and Kathy Platt Potier '57 and Bob and Gerry Raymond Custer '57." Bruce and Sue are also working for the campaign to renovate Middlebury's Town Hall Theater ("Remember the balcony?") so that it can serve its original (1884) purpose as a performing arts and community meeting space. "Donations welcome!" ✷ **Alan Sartorelli**, who was on campus with us and received his M.S. in chemistry in 1955, has received the 2002 Otto Krayer Award from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. Alan is the founder of Vion Pharmaceuticals, a biotechnology company developing novel agents for the treatment of cancer. Alan's lab at Yale has designed synthesized, and evaluated many promising anticancer agents. As the former director of Yale's Comprehensive Cancer Center (1984-1993), Alan was instrumental in organizing one of the earliest mobile mammography van programs that provided screening for more than 40,000 women in Connecticut. ✷ **Alan Gould** writes that daughter Jennifer '93 married Michael Cippoletti (Amherst '94) on September 22, 2001, at St. John's Church in Darien, CT. "Though it was just a few short days after September 11, we kept the date intact, saddened that some close friends and family couldn't attend. Yet we brought everyone together at the church and had a wonderful celebration at the Woodway Country Club in Darien. DKE Brothers **Jack Thayer**, Karl Brautigam '56, and Richard Russell '58 were with us, along with many of Jen's classmates." ✷ Secretary Makin reports: Classmates will be sad to learn that **Junie Stringer DeCoster**'s husband, Steve, died in April after a long illness. We extend our deepest sympathy to Junie and her family. ✷ **Nancy Walker Faulkner** reports that she is in a very carpe diem-y mode and is fitting in lots of travel whenever possible. Last winter and spring she went watercolor painting in Vieques, PR, visited an arctic lodge east of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories (30 degrees below zero), for cross-country skiing, dogmushing, and watching aurora borealis, and then took a fabulous trip with World Wildlife to the Galapagos Islands and on to Machu Picchu in Peru. All that and Nancy is still working part time at Park School. What a gal!

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Our scholarship money is hard at work! During the past academic year, three Middlebury students were recipients of funds from the Class of 1956 Scholarship. One is a chemistry major and a member of the football team; one is majoring in international politics and economics; and one is a double major in international studies and sociology/anthropology. ✷ The latest golf report comes from New York State. In October 2001, defending champions, **Bob Vuillet** and **Mike Philbin** were soundly defeated by **Karl Brautigam** and **John Hoops** in the annual Little Blue Jug Tourney. In a recent "tune-up" match, played at the Columbia Country Club in NY, Karl could not play, due to recent hip replacement. However, **Sally Smith Vuillet** valiantly filled in. Bob and Mike won the match and were entertained with a delicious banquet at the Vuillet's new home near Pine Plains, NY. A rematch is scheduled for September 2002, and anyone interested in playing should contact Bob. ✷ Seen at the 45th Reunion of the Class of '57 in May were Midd spouses **Ned MacDowell**, **Ron Potier**, **Charlie Robinson**, and **Philip Terhune**. ✷ We send the sympathy of the class to Karen Murray on the March 8 death of her husband, **A. John Murray**. She writes that "he had been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in January 2002 and, unfortunately, was overtaken by the disease so very quickly. Although John was unable to attend many functions, he truly enjoyed knowing that other Middlebury friends were in the neighborhood and he was very proud of being a Middlebury graduate." ✷ Word has been received that **Channing Murdock** of Ski Butternut in Great Barrington, MA, has been named recipient of the National Ski Areas Association's 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award. Chan accepted the award at NSAA's National Convention in New Orleans, LA, on May 25. The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary lifetime commitment to the ski industry and to NSAA. "Murdock deserves to be recognized for devoting his career to growing the sport of skiing and for his efforts in supporting NSAA," said President Michael Berry. Chan and wife **Jane Hoge Murdock** opened Ski Butternut in December 1963. As Chan says, "We

Five 1958 friends—Barbara Bang Knowles, Linda Mayer Horkitz, Ginny Davis Irwin, Mary Stein Dominick, and Mary Roemmele Crowley—hiked to the Maroon Bells mountains in Colorado last June.

were only 25 years old at the time. We started off as the young kids on the block and now we are some of the only ones on the block. Everything we did, we did ourselves and with the help of our employees." The past years have been especially challenging for Chan, who is recovering from a serious 1994 bicycle accident. Butternut also experienced a severe tornado in May 1995 that caused a million dollars' damage. As Chan reports, "Our homegrown spirit remains today. This spirit has proven well for us, for almost every year has been profitable. We are very proud of this."

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The 45th was a blast! Our digs on campus were like living in a ski chalet in the woods. Dorms have sure changed. Highlights of the weekend included **Sabra Field**'s wonderful exhibit at the Middlebury College Museum of Art. The colors and vibrancy of the exhibit made me feel alive. Her lecture took us through her life and development in printmaking. ✷ **Charlie** and **Pat Judah Palmer** did a magnificent job on our "Hats off to Hugh" tribute. **Hugh Marlow** does so much for us and the College, it is beyond just saying thank you—but thank you anyway, Hugh. ✷ Our exhibit of memorabilia and accomplishments drew many comments. The memorabilia was especially poignant. **Wyman Rolph**'s pottery exhibit was extraordinary. We should all have such talents! The best part was all being together and having those wonderful conversations. Make sure you don't miss the 50th in 2007. ✷ A mid-June e-mail from **Junior Everest Harrison** to **Betsy Mathewson Bailey** says it all: "I'm still giddy with the happy thoughts of reunion weekend. All too brief! If I had known what fun it would be, I'd have been there every time." ✷ We are delighted to announce that **Mary Ellen Bushnell**, **Sam Morton**, and **Wyman Rolph** have agreed to serve as co-class secretaries to facilitate gathering news for this column. Please send your news to Mary Ellen (bushnell@bit-net.com) at P.O. Box 504, Peterborough, NH 03458, or to Sam (mailsammorton@aol.com) at Rt 1, Box 786, Roseland, VA 22967, or to Wyman (wolfkrag@attbi.com) at 1223 Rothesay Cir., Richmond, VA 23221. ✷ **Adrienne Littlewood DeLaney** writes: "It was wonderful to see so many classmates at reunion in June! Bob and I thoroughly enjoyed opening our home for the class brunch on Sunday. Thank you for so many lovely notes, as well as the snapshots which some folks enclosed. I hope everyone is thinking about the Big 5-0. It will be here before we know it! Reunion is such a special, treasured time that we all need to put it on our mental calendars NOW, so we can have a fantastic turnout in 2007. If you're in Middlebury, be sure to give us a call or stop in." ✷ In other news, in Maryland, BankingBay National Bank has announced the appointment of **Maxine Vought Hoen** as a senior director for the Lutherville-based financial institution. A former VP of NationsBank, Maxine lives in Green Spring Valley, where she is active in several community organizations and is a trustee of the Irvine Nature Center. ✷ The American Society of Testing Materials awarded its 2001 Sam Tour Award to Dr. **Sheldon Dean** and two other authors of a technical paper ("Cyclic Strain Cracking of Stainless Steels in Hot Steam-Hydrogen Reformer Condensates: Test Method Development." Sheldon is president of Dean Corrosion Technology in Allentown, PA. ✷ On a sad note, we regret to report the death of **Richard Brassington** on April 25. The condolences of the class are extended to his wife, **Helen Pagoulatos Brassington**, and all the family. ✷ A post-reunion mini-gathering with **Nancy Brown McCormack** and **Liz O'Donnell Wallace** was a lot of laughs. Nancy is off to Japan to visit a new granddaughter (her son teaches in Japan). We plan another fun lunch with an expanded group of Midd people. It may become a regular thing. ✷ The fourth annual '57 mini-reunion was held July 20 at Peter and **Gail Parsell Beckett**'s lovely home in Henniker, NH. This is now on the calendar to be held every third Saturday in July henceforth. Any other New Hampshire residents, full time or summer, are encouraged to make themselves known and come along.

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Herb Urbach eulogized his longtime best friend **Ken Kouri**—who died on Valentine's Day after suffering a brain tumor—with lines from Wordsworth, "about 'that best part of a good man's life—his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.' That was Kenny—the kindest, most generous man I've ever known. Forever doing things for others. I was astonished at his generosity, and I teased him about being the Santa Claus of the North. He didn't mind. Even when he was sometimes taken advantage of, he just kept giving." Our oxymoronic hockey captain—gently tough—returned to Montreal after college to start a successful food manufacturing company (that he and his brother ultimately sold to Reynolds Tobacco), where Ken became a VP for marketing and sales. In 1976 he struck out independently again, establishing a thriving food brokerage business out of Montreal and Toronto. With wife Carol, who survives him, Ken spent many summers with the Urbachs in Maine. The couples traveled together domestically and in Europe. They were in Florida last Thanksgiving when Herb noted that Ken wasn't driving the golf ball quite as far; a serious New Years auto accident led to the hospitalization where the gleioblastoma was diagnosed. With Carol, Ken leaves son Stephen, daughter Lynne '86, and a '58 class that is proud to have been a part of his life. ✷ Secretary Eaton was driving on the island of Grand Manan in the Bay of Fundy this summer when her car radio suddenly brought her the voice of **Charlene Scott**. It turned out that Charlene was interviewing someone on Public Radio. All this reminded Steffi what a wonderful variety of talents were chosen when admissions selected the members of our class: "Our class is peppered with grace, creativity, ambition, gentleness, and a marked appreciation for the natural world and its significant rejuvenating gifts." ✷ **Paul Riegel**, who retired as associate chancellor emeritus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1996, has been admitted to the poetry option of a new MFA program in creative writing on that campus. He was beginning his studies as a full-time graduate student in August. ✷ **Lee Blodgett, Bob Caste, Chan Nims**, and **Sonny Wilder** had a mini-reunion at Middlebury in May. As well as viewing the "new" sights on campus, they enjoyed watching the national champion men's and women's lacrosse teams in action. ✷ **Ann Ormsbee Frobos** and **Carolyn Dwinell Calhoon** are exploring places to walk in California's Bay Area. They are accompanied, when possible, by Carolyn's poodle, Patrick (who, in addition to being the mascot of a softball team, has on occasion been mistaken for a bear). ✷ **Dick Woodworth** received the 2002 Noah Webster Award given by the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce for "extraordinary commitment to the West Hartford community." He was cited for his role as editor and co-author of *Celebrate West Hartford, An Illustrated History*, a 200-page coffee-table book of text and photos published in advance of the town's sesquicentennial. He and wife Nancy continue their travel-guide publishing ventures, producing two new titles this spring: *New England's Best*, a guide to the region's best attractions, lodging, and dining, and *Best Restaurants of New England*. ✷ Speaking of travels, **Lang Bell** can understand how he might have been listed lost in Middlebury's alumni records for a while. He sends a much-appreciated update: "Having lead two Connecticut banks as CEO over the past 30 years, I decided to change careers and became an international management consultant in the financial sector development arena as an adviser in matters related to bank strategic planning and privatization in post-communist/socialist countries. Judy, my wife, would frequently accompany me on long and short term assignments that led me to Slovakia, Albania, Russia, Macedonia, the Russian Far East, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan over the past 10 years. Fascinating life and intellectually stimulating. Our priorities were adventure, fun, and work, in that order; unfortunately, my foreign government sponsors wanted to turn all of that around, so I decided to retire. We have traveled a great deal, mostly in the Western Hemisphere, but are now living on Long Island Sound in Branford, CT, where we reflect on world events and feel so fortunate that we are back on the shores of America." Lang sends his best to all. ✷ Our big 45th Reunion is coming up on June 6-8, 2003. Start making your plans to be there! Bob '54 and **Betsy Heath Gleason** will once again host the reunion brunch at their home.

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Ginny Aretz Roberts recently "returned from a mini-vacation with our girls and their families at Sunset Beach, NC—a great family beach! Not much news here. **Joel** sold the accounting and tax part of his business in February, but remains as a consultant through a transition period of a year or two. He is keeping the investment side and pursuing qualifications as an estate planner. I retired from the business in May and am attempting to save our home from 'benign neglect.' Our son is with Hewlett Packard in Ft. Collins, CO. He's active in the National Guard and is expecting orders to active duty any time now. He is a Special Forces officer." Joel and Ginny were traveling to Alaska at the end of August for a week's cruise of the Inland Passage, to help some friends from military days celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. ✷ **Mil Fairhurst** reports that she and **Anne Goebel Barkman**, and **Priscilla Ferguson Stauffer** "reuned in June to celebrate senior citizenship." Still in NYC running her free-lance production busi-

ness, Mil is doing a little publishing on the side and "still playing the violin around town." She's looking forward to the 45th! ✷ **Carolyn Parks Behr** spent two weeks in late June in the island groups of Shetland and Orkney in far northern Scotland, hiking with her daughter. They explored many of the Stone Age settlements, stone circles, and chambered cairns, as well as enjoying the profuse wildflowers, millions of nesting seabirds, and astounding geological diversity. Highly recommended for anyone who likes fresh air, natural history, and walking. ✷ We regret to report the death of **David Pritchard** on January 22. We extend the condolences of the class to his wife, Eve, and all the family. ✷ News has also been received of the April 15 death of **Prudence Smart**. Our sympathy goes to her family, especially her sister, Priscilla Smart Weck '55. ✷ **Anne Martin Hartmann** reminds us that **Ilse Benzien van der Bent** has volunteered to gather a list of e-mail addresses for all class members. If you have not yet sent her your e-mail address, please do so forthwith. Her address is vanderbents @msn.com. ✷ As we reported in the summer column, **Bob Luce** (robertluce@aol.com) has graciously offered to chair our mini-reunion the weekend of October 18-20, 2002. The Luces and Hartmanns have already made reservations at the Waybury Inn, and we hope others have scouted out the perfect lodging before all those other Homecoming alumni have done so.

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John Turner (jturner2@crdus.jnj.com), of Saratoga, CA, is with Cordis, a Johnson & Johnson Company, as a sales rep in the neurovascular div. His customers are mostly interventional neuroradiologists, who do minimally invasive procedures. He's been involved in this segment of the business since 1993. He knows that retirement is on the horizon, but doesn't have any specific date identified yet. He continues to enjoy the job and derive satisfaction from meeting its challenges. He says there aren't a lot of people his age doing his kind of job with a boss younger than his own sons. John and Suzi had their four grandchildren (ages 9, 7, 5, and 3) visit for a week in August, without their parents. His strategy was long, arduous hikes every day and an intensive course in agriculture (weeding, mowing, raking, etc.). Last year they took the grands to **Bill Stritzler**'s Smuggler's Notch Resort in Vermont. Bill has kid-oriented facilities and programs that are wonderfully diverting. In February, the Turners had an enjoyable cruise in the Sea of Cortez, where they watched whales and dolphins, visited several towns in Baja California Sur, and met some nice folks. ✷ **Dick Wilkinson** has taken a job at the airfield, helping sort of run the place—like a filling station attendant who has to dodge propellers, etc. He's also taking flying lessons with his daughter and is heavy into feline rescue. ✷ **Jane Willey Whiteside**, of Columbia, SC, still has her gift shop, named "Just The Thing." Son Scot, a radiologist, and family were moving to Nashville in the fall. Son Drew works for an investment firm and lives with his family in Durham, NC. Daughter Wendy is a convention consultant in Raleigh, NH. Now living in a new house in the same area of Columbia, Jane and her husband feel like they are

Midds at the May 25 Univ. of ME School of Law graduation included John H. (Jack) Montgomery III '72 (Maine Law '77) recipient of the L. Kinvin Wroth Distinguished Alumnus Award; Kate Lynch '97 and Sean Kerwin '95 ('02 law degrees); Loralie Rackleff '95 (Maine Law visiting student, 1999-2000; '02 graduate of Catholic Univ. of America); and Joseph Wood '68, provost and VP for academic affairs at the Univ. of Southern ME.

on a permanent vacation. They also enjoy time at Wild Dunes, SC, where they own a house with five other couples from Johnson City, TN. ✷ **Josie Vogel Wolk**, of East Lansing, MI, reminds us that she retired from her job at the local library over 10 years ago. She is involved in book discussion groups, cooking, and kayaking during the summer. This summer, they took their usual vacation in the Adirondacks, not far from Midd. ✷ **Ginger Kinghorn Work** has the best of both worlds: May-November on the coast of Maine, and November-May in Puerto Rico. Number one son is with IBM in Burlington; #2 son owns his own printing business in Vergennes; #3 son works at Lane Press, the printing firm in Burlington; her daughter and her husband work in their publishing business in Bristol. Of the nine grands, the eldest graduated high school in June, the youngest finished second grade. Combined with her husband's six kids and eight grands, they have plenty of visitors in both homes. Ginger has a thriving shellcraft business and is involved with genealogy research. ✷ **Leon Vancini** reports from Johns Island, SC, that the merger/acquisition business was tough after 9/11, with the general economic malaise and continued uncertainty. As of his note in July, his business hadn't suffered as badly as that of the "big players" on Wall Street. After an extended absence, Leon planned to join **Bruce** and **Genie Cannon Burnham** at the August "Cowshit Festival" in Vermont. ✷ **Deb Wetmore**, of Warren, VT, enjoys her latest grand, born in March. Deb has been caring for him and his older brother three days a week, while her daughter-in-law returns to her architectural business, Heaton & Hermann, in Bristol, VT. The other two days a week, Deb works at the Vermont Children's Forum in Montpelier. Last winter, she and **Judy Falby Tuttle** spent a week in Crete. This summer she joined Judy on her boat on Lake Champlain. She also visited with **Paula Hartz** in Lake George, NY and **Linda Farr Macgregor** in Rumsford Center, ME. ✷ We were very sorry to learn from **Nancy Mumford Mulvey** that **Robbie Sperry Schweiger**'s husband, Ben, died in May of leukemia. They had been married 32 years. Robbie has three daughters, two of whom live nearby. ✷ **Jean Seeler** and sig-other Dave Gifford spent the month of May bicycling in Germany. We pedaled along the Moselle, Rhine, Neckar, Jagst, Tauber, Wornitz, and Danube rivers: 1,100 KM in 23 days, unsupported. I have the calluses on my butt to prove it. You learn to be very "low maintenance" when all you can take must fit into two *panniers* on the rear wheel! Jean is looking forward to receiving your Christmas letters. Please check the address at the top of this column.

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Lee Kaufman and wife Mary spent the better part of last winter in Sun Valley. They rented a home in Elkhorn and went down for Thanksgiving, went home to Montana briefly at Christmas, then back to Sun Valley until April 15. Marge and **Harv Gray**, who were touring the West, were also at Sun Valley from late January until early April. Lee reports: "I have completely retired from the law and, effective January 1, went inactive with the Montana Bar Association. Although I still act as a settlement master, court-ordered mediator, or court-appointed special master with some regularity, I am done with the practice. As a result, Mary and I travel, play golf, hunt, ski, fish, and visit our three Middlebury girls. Jennifer '92 left New York and now lives in Denver. Julie '94 is married and also lives in Denver. Jody '97 lives in Vermont, at least for a little while yet." The Kaufmans were planning an event-filled summer, "culminating in a hunting trip to the Czech Republic at the end of October. We will be shooting with a group of folks we have shot with in various countries of the world for the last eight to ten years. Hopefully, then, it's back to Sun Valley for another awesome ski season. Classmates who get to Sun Valley in the winter should give us a call."

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Secretary Roësset reports: Reunion was great! It's such fun to see so many old friends. The weather was delightful, a perfect New England spring with the rhododendrons in full bloom. It was a great reunion, very good food, wonderful cool weather compared to Austin and—of course—terrific company. It's always good to go back to Midd and the reunions are great fun. Due to the hard work of **John Sinclair** and **Anne Thornton Bridges**, we picked up two awards at Convocation: The Parton Family Award (presented to the reunion class other than the 25th or 50th with the greatest increase in participation) and the Armand N. LaFlamme '37 Cup (presented to the class, other than the post-50th reunion classes, with the highest participation in reunion giving). Congratulations to us! Co-secretaries **Bonnie Boyd Russ** and **Ben Rosin** were ready to retire, and so we thank them both very much for their contributions. I will be continuing, with the able assistance of co-secretaries **Liza Dunphy Fischer** and **Bill Dalsimer**. Many thanks to them for coming on board! (The nautical reference is especially appropriate for Bill, who came to reunion via boat!) ✷ **Sue McLaughlin McFadd** writes that "Reunion was really fun. We spent some time with the **Woodard**s, who are neighbors in Hingham, but we rarely see them. Ask **Charlie** about his bees and gardening. They have the most beautiful cottage garden, surrounding one

of the oldest homes in Hingham (dating back to the 17th century, I think). The house has been in Rose's family all these years and is quite a treasure. It was also great talking with **Jim Warburton, Tish Lange Flemma**, Thorny and **Grant Weier**, among lots of other folks. Bernard and I are officially retired from the education profession, as of June 30. I am looking forward to spending more time visiting with our grandson in Atlanta. I just returned and we'll be back next week to visit Christina and family on our way to San Diego, where Bernard's brother is getting married and retiring the same weekend." ✷ **Mattie Logan Bicknell** writes: "Reunion was like going into a time capsule for me: talking with classmates, staying in Pearsons, eating at Proctor, walking to lectures and chapel, listening to the Dissipated Eight, hearing people coming home in the early hours of the morning. Fun! I enjoyed the tennis, too. It was particularly nice to be able to travel there with Liza, who stops by Canandaigua on her way to and from MI when traveling east." ✷ Phil and **Mary Bowen** Kelley are "living out a dream: We have 56 acres of wild land overlooking lakes and wetlands and a 180-degree view of the Cascade range. We are 30 miles from Crater Lake National Park, where Phil gets paid to work. He claims he has the world's most beautiful commute. I have been entranced by the variety of wildflowers, birds, and butterflies. We welcome visitors, especially those who love the mountains. We recently had a visit from Tony and **Irene Bristol Allen** (Irene was my roommate at Midd). ✷ From **Sally Sanderson Whitlock**: "I'm in full-time private practice as a clinical social worker, offices on Capitol Hill and in my home in Arlington, VA. I love the therapy part, hate the paperwork. It's been a long way from my shy Middlebury self to the more at ease me today, via five kids and all of their activities. How my oldest 'child' can possibly be 40 is beyond me; they just keep getting older as I stay 46! I really wanted to be at our 40th, but have so many trips away that I just couldn't. Many of my 'aways' are to visit my nearly 98-year-old, mentally more-intact-than-I-am father. I hope it's genetic. I'd love to know who else from our generation is in the DC area. My e-mail is:sallyw22@comcast.net." ✷ **Thomas (Dennie) Williams** (dwilliam@courant.com) writes: "The 40th Midd reunion was a lot of fun with a good turnout! Ina and I enjoyed it immensely! I am still working as a reporter at the *Hartford Courant*, after 36 years of writing and investigating corruption in business and government. Ina has operated a small tennis club in Litchfield since 1980. She supervises action on two outside courts in a beautiful natural setting. The club is well known in the area for competitive matches with other clubs. Daughter Gisela '93 is working in Madrid, Spain, as a freelance magazine reporter, specializing in travel and glamour stories. Son Tommie (28), a Univ. of AZ graduate in creative writing, is living in Los Angeles, with ambitions to be a film director."

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Hard to believe, but plans are underway for the big get-together. Don't miss it! Start making plans to be in Middlebury June 6-8, 2003, for our fantastic 40th Reunion!

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Class Secretary: *John Vecchiolla (vecchiolla@juno.com), 193 Byram Rd., Greenwich, CT 06830.*

Jack Penrod signs in some 40 years later! After Middlebury, Jack spent three years in the Army (Army Language School-Intelligence-Germany), then started a 23-year career at the "old Chase" Manhattan Bank, mostly in the Caribbean, including 10 years in Puerto Rico. "We returned to New York in 1983, and I moved into commercial real estate loan syndication, lending, and workouts of problem loans, of which there were a bunch. In 1990, I moved to the Fuji Bank Limited to head their real estate finance group, again for workouts of which there were a bunch, and eventually back to real estate lending. For a few years recently I have also headed Fuji's International Finance Group, meaning Latin America corporate lending business. *Then came the MERGER.* A three-way Japanese bank merger in April this year formed the world's largest bank, measured by assets, that is, not by capital. It seems that the new bank, Mizuho Corporate Bank, will be in a do-little-or-nothing mode for a period of adjustment, but it offers up a good opportunity for me to step away. At the end of July, I will leave the Bank and Candy and I will head south, and west, and also stay right where we are. What's that? Yes, the plan is to live in North Carolina, and Indiana, and New Jersey for a few months at a time, and move from place to place between traveling. Yes, that is where our children and their families live and, yes, we are all possibly crazy to do this but now it feels right. We want to see our five grandchildren grow up, not as occasional visitors, but as nearby participants. No, not together in the same houses! Except maybe in New Jersey. We will do these rotations until the first person involved thinks it is no longer working! Somewhere along the line we will finally settle down, probably in the South." ✷ It is with extreme sorrow that we must report the death of **John Wallach** on July 10. Just this May, John received the 2002 PeaceBuilder award from the New York State Dispute Resolution Association. A highly successful foreign correspondent, his closeup views of Middle East violence inspired him to give up journalism in 1993 to create the Seeds of Peace camp, where he brought together teenagers from warring lands. This year's 165 participants included Palestinians, Israelis, Indians, Pakistanis, and Afghans. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue. The condolences of the class are extended to his wife Janet and all the family.

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Secretary Page reports: Remember hearing **Martha Synerholm McSherry** speak about her experiences home schooling her children during a panel discussion at our 30th Reunion? An interesting follow-up on the McSherrys has come in. Eldest child Frank (born just two days after our 10th Reunion) received his Ph.D. in computer science from the Univ. of WA in Seattle in August. Martha reports that he "collected a number of great job offers but chose Microsoft Research Group, which will be funding a post-doc for him at Cornell (his alma mater) before he reports to work in Silicon Valley. He recently won a Google programming contest, a real feather in his cap." Daughter, Carolyn '00, is finishing up a teacher training program at the Univ. of NM in Albuquerque. She drives to Boulder, CO, regularly for Witness for Peace meetings and led a group to Cuba last summer. Martha and husband Joe visited Carolyn last spring, when they drove to the Four Corners region. Daughter Elena McSherry is a senior at UVM, close enough to Richmond, VT, so that Elena can help her mom take care of the horses they board. ✷ In Alaska, **Bill Barstow** and wife are enjoying a new home, where they are "totally involved in landscaping and enjoying our new lab puppy. Semi-retirement now seems right for both of us. Son Bill '86 is building a new home and is involved in landscape painting and a summer river-guiding business. Son Craig has entered medical school in Washington; his wife has started a new career with Food and Drug after many years in corporate law with a drug company. Daughter Meghan '94 is in Seattle, utilizing her Japanese language skills and considering another year in Japan (her fourth). Fly-fishing remains a passion and—for those who share it—I have a wonderful cabin in the Bristol Bay area on prime water." ✷ Secretary O'Reilly reports: **Bill Kurimay** recently returned from two weeks of windsurfing in Maui, something he does every year. Tough life! For the past year he has been the construction coordinator for Habitat for Humanity, covering San Diego County. According to wife Nancy, Bill loves wearing jeans and a T-shirt to work and driving around in a truck. ✷ **Lois Thornhill McCluskey** reports that the newsmaker in the family is her husband, Edward, who recently received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, Bowdoin College. He's a prof. of computer science at Stanford Univ. They are avid hikers and were planning a trip to the Sisters Wilderness near Bend, OR, this summer. ✷ In San Francisco, **Russ Kettell** recently celebrated his 30th anniversary with World Savings, where he does mortgage lending. He reports that family activities take up most of his time, with vacations at a second home at Sea Ranch about 100 miles north of the Bay Area. Russ says he still plays a lot of tennis, but "not competitively." ✷ **Wayne Halliwell** joined some distinguished company when he recently received the Gordon Juckes Award at the Canadian Hockey Assoc. annual general assembly in Toronto. Wayne was the first sports psychologist to win the award. He has worked nearly 20 years with Canada's national teams at World Hockey Championships and World Junior Hockey Championships. Now a faculty member at the Univ. of Montreal, he has worked with hockey players, sprinters, and tennis stars.

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Secretary Taylor reports: When it finally ended on Sunday evening at **Tom** and **Susie Davis Patterson**'s Lake Dunmore camp, as the last stragglers finished off the Chardonnay and sticky buns and made their reluctant farewells, it was, most agreed, the most successful '67 reunion ever. Some 67 (Is this some amazing coincidence?) class mem-

WEDDINGS

Two generations of Midd grads convened in Menlo Park, CA, to celebrate the June 1 marriage of Annie Reis '98 and John A. Cowan: Marika Allanson '98, Aubrey Cattell '98, Gwendolyn Rogers '00, Jen Trickett '98, Jessica Perkins '98, (back row) Rob Reis '01, Julie Witt Reis '73, Ginny Guaraldi '73, Kate Stevens '00, Cilla Stone Stevens '73, Anne MacLeod '73, and Tom Reis '70.

Middlebury friends helped Liz Siris '95 and Chris Winchester celebrate their marriage on March 23 in NYC (all '95, except as noted): Karen Engler Bartlett, Kara Sweeney, Gloria Ehrenberg, Lesley Tucker, Lori Frohlich Cooper '94, Ann Amstutz '96, (back) J.J. Gilmartin '92, Patricia Garffer '92, Jud Bartlett, Ray Strong '91, and Drew Hayes.

Amy Zebrowski '96 and Dana Pawlicki '93 were married on May 26, 2001. Celebrating with them in Kiawah Island, SC, were ('93 unless noted) Maja Thaler Gillespie '94, Kathryn Chatfield '96, Kathy Becker Gameros '94, Rob Smilari, Jennifer Sangster Popick '96, (standing) Scott Gillespie, Jeffrey Rosen '92, Peter Cross, Brad Williams, Jamey Brenner, Erin Eggert Brenner '94, and Jarret Wolfson '96.

Following the June 1 marriage of Nancy Lord '94 and Jack Lewin in Baltimore, the bride (center) celebrated with Steve Boyd '96, Lisa Baker '93, Tarim Chung (M.A. English '98) holding Malia Chung (who is chewing mother Lisa's hair), the bride, Tara Thomas '94, Jenny Lebermann '94, and Heidi Poulin '94.

Kelsey Fuller '96 and Anson Fatland proudly display the Midd banner following their marriage on November 10, 2001. Celebrating with them in Estes Park, CO, were ('96 unless noted) Shelley Sayward, Beth Del Colliano Pasmantier, Heather Frengen Smith '95, Ian Smith, the newlyweds, Jeff Paré '95 and Nikki Wood '95, (middle row) Judd Bruzgul '98, Molly Campbell Voorhees '98, Christy Picard, Susie Van Buren, Lara Wagner '97, Matt Hamilton '95, (top tow) Coerte Voorhees, Corie Pierce, Pam Selover, and Jen Kahn Hamilton.

Gathering in Riverside, CT, to celebrate the July 1, 2001, marriage of Hilary Soule '98 and Dave Shea '98 were (all '98, unless noted) Tim Weld, Ashley Twyon '99, Dan Bryan, Sara Lavange, Josh Irwin, Lissa Duerr '00, Pete Sax '99, Jill Santopietro '99, Laurie Faber, Sasha Duerr '99, Colin O'Neil, the newlyweds, Jose Dundee, Shayla Schneider O'Neil '99, Shruthi Mahalingaiah, Greg Burkett, Amy Coseo, Susan Keller Whitman, Casey Ruck, Davin Wilfrid, and Jen Beaumont. The newlyweds left for two years in El Salvador, where Hilary teaches fourth grade and Dave teaches high school math.

The September 29, 2001, marriage of Laura King and Bradford Martin '95 took place in Warrenton, VA, where the celebration included (all '95, unless noted) Seth Janus, the newlyweds, Ellen Whitman '97, Zach Rossetti, (back) Betsy Humphrey, Jordan Romm, and Scott McNany.

Ellen Cook and Scott Reid '94 were married at Dunton Hot Spring, CO, in July 2001. Midd friends celebrating with them included (all '94, except as noted) Bo Wilmer, Jenn Crow Dee, Peter Taylor, the newlyweds, Gabe Dee, Rand Knight, Jesse Williams, and Dani Golden '02.

Mara Rendi '95 and Paul Farris were married on June 15 in Brandon, VT, where they celebrated with (all '95, except as noted) John Dick '97, Virginia Arvold '97, Lisa Polizzi Molloy, Kate Welch, the newlyweds, Loren Clarke, Nicole Kassissieh, Dave Hutcheson, Emily Stowe Cleaveland '91, and Rob Nathan.

A wedding quilt made by the bridegroom's mother, Ellie Sienkiewicz, forms the backdrop for the post-wedding celebration of Holly Fryberger '91 and Alex Sienkiewicz. Celebrating in Duluth, MN, on September 22, 2001, were (front) Dates Fryberger '63, Sarah Fryberger '93, Carol Nicholson Fryberger '61, Jeremy Fryberger '61, David Nicholson '67, Bob Fryberger '61, (standing) Dates Fryberger '97, Lauren Brown '98, Tiegen Fryberger '93, Megan Wonnacott Sutton '81, the late Erica Wonnacott (dean of students emerita), Jed Duncan '91, the newlyweds, Angelica Goldschmidt Fryberger '65, Jeremy Fryberger '88, Melissa Fryberger '95, and Jen Douglas '91.

Lindsay Adams '95 and Donald Foote were married on March 23 in a mountaintop ceremony at Smuggler's Notch Resort in Vermont. A reception followed the wedding at the Inn at Essex.

At Shankhassick on Great Bay, Durham, NH, Margaret Rieley '97 and Sean Hagenbuch '97 were married on September 16, 2000. Celebrating with them were (front) Ali Dorf '96, Hana Rubin '97, Justin Block '97, Dan Weidner '96, Jennifer Whitworth '97, Rachel Shapiro '96, (middle row) Josh Landis '97, John Beeson '97, Merideth Cox '97, the newlyweds, Tracy Miller Beeson '98, (back) Michael Jensen '96, and Dave Wood '96. Craig McGray '95 missed the photo. The newlyweds are now in their third year of medical school at Memorial Univ., St. John's, Newfoundland.

Middlebury friends celebrating after the October 13 marriage of Alexandra Richman '95 and Jeff Labovitz included ('95 unless noted) (front center) Andrea Zlotucha Kozub, Nicole Misarti, (seated left) Meredith Hinkley, Allison Wong, (seated right) Lyn Lipscomb Berkley, Tim Rummel, (standing) Christine Jacobs '97, the newlyweds, and Mike Berkley,

Following the April 27 marriage of Catherine Vare and Drew Schembre '83 in Sausalito, CA, the newlyweds were surrounded by Midd friends Matt Ellenthal '84, Steve Moynahan '84, Betsy (Bep) Greer Edwards '83, Rin Harris Bird '80, John Bird '82, and Paul Quinlan '84.

The Westmoreland Country Club in Wilmette, IL, was the scene of a celebration following the September 22 marriage of Kristin Norene and Daniel O'Neil '91. Filling the stairs behind the newlyweds were (all '91 unless noted) Ayaz ul Haque, Wajeeh Nasser '89, Nicola Bradley Evans, (second row) D. Jackson, Tara Hussey Ward, Jerry Ward, (third row) Kirsten Shonstrom Hollander '93, Tucker Hollander, Leland Hart, Andrew Brenner, (back row) Bill Hoyt, Al Smith, Todd Lowell, Josh Sarkis, and Rod Prudencio. The newlyweds live in Chicago, where Dan is in the futures industry and is a principal in *XPRESSTRADE*; Kristin is a professional meeting planner and VP at Bank One.

The Middlebury crowd was impressive following the June 15 marriage of Katherine Lockwood '00 and David Bracken '00. Celebrating with them in Marblehead were ('00 unless indicated) (seated) Natasha Kobran '99, Helen Gemmill, Katharine Lord, Jessica Silverman, Andy Campbell '02, Robert Bryan '01, (second row) Elizabeth Lokey, Maria Banman, Ryan Conviser, Kelly Box, the newlyweds, Jessica Lockwood '04, David Hanlon '92, Nick Bobrov '99, Melissa Morrissey Jattne '96, Emil Jattne '98, (back) Scott Goldman '01, Sally Bruch (Mrs. Frank), Cam Petke '99, Chris Farion '98 and Shannon, Phil Anderson, Kate Clark '02, Josh Gutierrez, John Couch '99, Jason Cawley '98, Matt Franzosa, John Giannacopoulos, Mark Spence '98, Doc Bruch, Jeff Anastasio '98, Joe Exner '00 and Jill, Bill Beaney and Judy, Scot Curtin '01, Christian Carlsson '02, Laura Matefy '01, Stephanie Crumb, Ross Sealfon '99, Matt Snyder '02, Jack Kennedy '02, Alyssa Pappas, Eric Zink, Ryan Constantine '02, Father John McDermott, Grayson Fertig '02, Curt Goldman, Brady Priest '99, Matt Skoglund '01, and Ben Barnett.

The Mead Chapel marriage of Elizabeth Hopper '91 and Paul Whitelam took place on August 25, 2001. Celebrating at the Swift House Inn were (all '91, except as noted) Tracey Spruce, Page Dickinson Edmunds, Debra McConnell, Daniel R. Coyne '92, Marjorie Tyndall Hoelker, the newlyweds, Delilah Poupore '89, Sarah Gordon Littlefield '92, and Louise Totten Knabe. Karen (Casey) Christianson Dart missed the photo.

Jennifer Poinier Ballinger '91, Leigh Ann Wolfe '93, and Lara Hausch attended Angie Fallin '91, when she was married to Paul Totten in Falls Church, VA, on July 7, 2001.

Anne Harris '93 and Charles Wartchow were married in San Francisco on June 15. Charles does science research for a cancer therapy company and Anne teaches high school English in Menlo Park. They'll be living in San Francisco.

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bers, along with spouses and significant others, had found their way back to campus, some for the first time since graduation, and the gathering radiated warm feelings, spirited conversation, and party-hearty energy. A couple of high points: The class dinner Friday evening was a raucous and at times sentimental affair. Middlebury trivia contests and hoary anecdotes were interspersed with toasts to longtime faculty members—history's Travis Jacobs and economics' D.K. Smith attended—and moving tributes to departed classmates. On the following evening, the class gathered under festive white tents erected behind the Battells. Reveling in the best weather of the weekend, reunioners enjoyed a long cocktail hour on the lawn followed by a lobster dinner and an impromptu concert by four members of the Dissipated Eight. After that, a surprisingly large number moved off to McCullough Gym, where dance music was provided by an energetic zydeco band until midnight. For the rest of the weekend, there were numerous other activities, as well as a stately convocation at Mead Chapel. But the key was seeing old friends and making new ones—based on four years of shared experience as undergraduates in a unique setting at a very special college. ✷ **Ed Alexander** took digital pictures of our reunion—both people attending and campus haunts, new and old. He's happy to send his picture files to anyone interested. See what you missed or check out who was there! E-mail him at edsells@cogeco.ca. ✷ Sad news: **Parkie Shearer** passed away in February, three years after suffering a stroke. Parkie wasn't a perfect fit with Middlebury but, during his three years on campus, he made a distinct and lasting impression on those who knew him. Intense, charismatic, and questioning, Parkie brought a welcome dose of New York City sophistication and cool to Vermont. He arrived freshman year with extensive collections of existentialist literature, bebop jazz records, and modern art. His room in Painter Hall quickly became a center for discussions on all kinds of subjects that lasted long into the night. For a brief time, Parkie experimented with staying up all night and sleeping all day, but quickly abandoned the idea. He was the ultimate hipster. Parkie seemed to have the inside track on everything from music to philosophy. He will be very much missed. A memorial appeared in the summer issue. We extend the condolences of the class to Linda and Ivor. Larry Raab '68, who bridged Parkie's Middlebury and Williamstown years, was one of the speakers at the memorial service. Among the alums who visited Parkie during his illness were Bill Burke '66, **Chris Webber**, and **John Lord**.

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Fred Fritz, who has served as president and CEO of BancBoston Capital since 1985, has been named chairman of the firm. He has been with the bank for 32 years. ✷ Please take note, our 35th Reunion is fast approaching! Be there, June 6-8, 2003! **David Weinstein, Bentley Gregg**, and **Barbara Ensminger Stoebenau** are leading our 35th Reunion social planning, while **Shari Galligan Johnson, Richard McMahon**, and **Thomas Winstead** are heading up the 35th Reunion gift committee. These and many other people are working together to create a wonderful reunion experience for our class.

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Having lived and worked in DC and in Bonn, **Stefan Nagel** reports from Winchester, MA, that he has been working in Boston for the past seven years. "Perhaps life is cyclical. Just like my parents did some 37 years ago, my wife, Nancy, and I are making Middlebury College parents' weekend plans for our first time. Our daughter, Kirsten, will be entering with the class of 2006. She's thrilled and we're thrilled. If the rest of her class is as capable as she, Middlebury may have selected its best class ever—aside from '69, of course. All of which gives me additional incentive to continue to work hard at what I love doing. As I have for over 20 years now, I'm structuring and transacting land conservation and historic preservation projects around the country in a two-attorney boutique practice. I get to teach and present a little on the side as well, including a wonderful session that I led last spring under the auspices of Middlebury's Environmental Studies Program. There have been lots of recent reunions and adventures with friends from the Middlebury years. I consider those College friendships an abiding legacy that I hope my daughter may enjoy as well. For those with whom I haven't connected lately, I'd love to hear from you at nagelswin@attbi.com." ✷ Alison and **Peter Reynolds** were visiting their daughter in Guatemala in July. We await their travel report.

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Noticing a dearth of contributions from members of the Class of 1970 in these class notes, **William Dockery** admitted to being part of the problem: "Having sent in nothing in over 30 years, thought I would attempt to make amends. This is being written in Hong Kong, where I have lived since 1977. However, as a history major, I should start in 1970. After leaving Midd, I spent four years studying Chinese history at Cornell. After that I spent a year in Taiwan, attempting to improve my Mandarin (as we called it then; it is more properly referred to as Putonghua today). After a year of fruitlessly seeking employment, I accepted a teaching position in Hong Kong. And I have been here for 25 years. Most of my work has involved teaching students in their late teens and early 20s. On the whole, working with them has proved to be very rewarding. Has life changed since the '97 handover? Not for me. The Chinese government has shown more restraint than anyone believed possible. Ominous signs do appear on occasion, however. I return to the U.S. frequently and frankly do not like much of what I see and experience. The lack of civility, especially on the roads, is appalling. The pervasive informality annoys me (being addressed by a waitress as 'you guys'). The health care system is a sorry mess. The SUVs and the whole car culture make me angry. I have not met up with any class members lately, but I did have a good Chinese dinner in Wanchai with Nick Clifford last spring." Bill can be reached at dockery6@hotmail.com. ✷ We have lots more news coming in for the next column! Send yours!

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@hancock.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905.*

Nicole Kravecs Muller writes from Cape Cod: "Hello! What some Middlebury English majors dream of has happened to me! I am working as a journalist on beautiful Cape Cod, where my husband Jerry and I moved four years ago. This work has afforded me the opportunity to report from Provincetown to Sandwich on stories varying from artists to education, and including my own column, "Familiar Faces," for one of the papers. I work from home (ain't that grand!) and have even been given a chance to do photography (five newspapers and only two full-time photographers allowed for that!)." Daughter Jessica, who graduated from Wheelock College and Boston Univ. (MSW), is a school social worker in the New York BOCES program. Her husband, Tim, is an attorney with the appellate division of the New York State Supreme Court. Younger daughter Melanie recently graduated summa cum laude from the honors program at the Univ. of CT as Distinguished Woman Scholar in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. With a double major in animal science and pathobiology, she maintained a 3.988 GPA. ("They rounded it off to 4.0, but who's bragging?!") Melanie is attending Tufts Univ. School of Veterinary Medicine this fall. Nicole notes that "years of child rearing have come to fruition. I am also stepmother to three delightful young women, one of whom has presented my husband Jerry and me with two wonderful grandsons, Thomas and Jonathan. Jon was born in March, and Tommy just celebrated his second birthday. He is a 'truck man.' He can also hold an adult conversation and can write his name, count very far, and is the love of my husband's and my life." ✷ In other journalistic news, **Susan Fritsch Faber** was recently named editor for the Watertown, CT, *Town Times*, where she had been a reporter from 1991 to 2000. Since 2000, she had been covering the news for Woodbury and Bethlehem for *Voices*, a sister publication of the *Town Times*. Susan has a master's in English from NYU and has taught as an adjunct prof. at Teikyo Post Univ. in Waterbury. ✷ Your faithful scribe, **Susan Thornton**, has joined a fun and interesting women's group. I am now a member of my local Red Hat Society. This group began in England and has been spreading quickly all over the map. Members come to meetings expressly to have fun. The only requirement is to wear a red hat, a purple outfit, and red gloves. Oh, and you have to be over 50. The club was inspired by England's most popular poem "Warning," by Jenny Joseph. It begins: "When I am an old woman I shall wear purple/With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me/And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves/And satin sandals and say we've no money for butter." The meetings are held once a month at a local senior center. I know, I know, as a Baby Boomer, I never thought I would go near something called a "senior center." However, members of this club include women who have traveled to all the continents of the globe, climbed mountains, and practice martial arts. It's a fun, interesting, vital group. There is a Web site (www.redhatsociety.com) that lists all the chapters. Simply fill in your location to find the local group, or get information about starting your own chapter. It's a world-wide group that is a lot of fun! Send news and notes my way for inclusion in this column.

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Jennifer Hamlin Church reports: What fun! My observation is that reunions get better and better. My opinion is, that's because we all get more and more comfortable in our own skins. What made us think we were all so different or that those differences mattered so much 30 years ago? Back then, it was hard to imagine this combination of classmates having fun doing the same thing in a small space: **Dave Furney, Erhard Mahnke, Judy Wingham, Geoff Braun, Randi Clagett, Cindy Wright Berlack**, and **Mark** and **Sally Davidson Foster** (to mention just a few). But there they all were, dancing up a storm in McCullough Saturday night. Bumping into people on the dance floor, or elsewhere on campus through the weekend, many of us experienced a weird reversal of absolutes—from "I've never seen this person before in my life" to "Oh, that's ___! He/she hasn't changed a bit!" Someone who really hasn't changed is **Jim Stedman**, who is just a couple years from retirement with the Library of Congress but still looks every bit the 22-year-old Midd graduate. (Jim was one of a group of '72s who successfully passed themselves off as 15th Reunion-goers at Saturday night's lobster fest, when seating at the 30th Reunion ran out.) Now that we're all past 50, aging is always an interesting subject—especially when we're talking about our children! **Paul Johnston** had a newborn baby with him at reunion. **Larry Grob**'s daughter (5) slept through convocation with her head on the hymnal rack in the Mead Chapel balcony. **Cheryl Rinder** has 8-year-old twins, the youngest of her large brood. Yet many of us have kids enrolling in, or graduating from, colleges across the country, including Midd. And I (Jennifer) celebrated the birth of my sixth grandchild two days after reunion—fast work for someone who only married 12 years ago, eh?! Conversations throughout reunion weekend ranged far and wide. Here are a few new things I learned, often from people I didn't know well (or at all) while we were in school: **Anneliese (Huggy) Schultz**, who made the trip from Vancouver, BC, uses her Midd Italian major every day, teaching Italian at the Univ. of British Columbia and doing occasional Italian radio shows. **Evey Zmudsky LaMont**, a psychologist in Billings, MT, applies her psychology major in many ways: she practices, teaches, writes, and also does some radio broadcasting. **Moore Newell** lost the only copy of his Midd geology thesis—before making "recommended corrections"—when his rattletrap car exploded shortly after graduation. Apparently it didn't hold him back. Today, he is a consulting geologist in Calgary, Alberta, and teaches hang gliding during the summer. **Denise DeGutis Jernigan** is a librarian, but around reunion time she was preparing to travel to Iceland to explore and photograph northern geology. **Bill Wells**, a screenwriter in California, traveled to the Yukon a few years ago to go dog sledding as part of a film project. **Cindy Erb Price** anticipated moving to Mexico this fall, where she hopes to run a bed-and-breakfast while continuing to paint. I wish I could mention each of you who made the effort to get to Midd, especially those, like **Anne Common Curry** and **Gerry Thomas**, who hadn't been seen at a reunion in many years. Thanks to all for making the weekend so much fun. When President McCardell quoted someone (W.H. Auden, maybe?) at convocation—saying "Although one may not remember why one was happy, there's no forgetting that one was"—I thought, yes for 30 years ago, and yes for today. I laughed more at our 30th Reunion than I have in a long time; good medicine for body and soul. ✷ Now, a few updates from people who were unable to be at the reunion. **Bill Collins** is still at the Library of Congress as a planning and policy officer in the U.S. Copyright Office. He remains active in the Baha'i faith, doing quite a bit of writing for journals and reference books and singing widely as a member of the Metropolitan Washington Baha'I Chorale. "In my spare time, I am also organizing my ancestral family papers, doing genealogical research, and reading science fiction." Bill and Rachel (Brunstetter) '73 have a son, Jonathan (McGill '02), and a daughter, Sarah (Kenyon '04). ✷ **Karen O'Donnell** has moved back into PR and marketing at GE Capital. She also has a new business, Employer Services Group, based in Enfield, CT, offering "benefit solutions to small and medium sized employers." She and Peter Sheffer '73, a dentist, attend a lot of soccer tournaments with their boys. ✷ **Frank Kruesi** is president of the Chicago Transit Authority and teaches in the graduate school of public policy at the Univ. of Chicago. He and Barbara have a son in high school, a daughter in college. ✷ **Kathy Mulligan Lord**, who missed reunion to attend her daughter's high school graduation, began working a year ago in the U.S. office of Britain's Cambridge University, in charge of alumni relations and events for the 12,000 Cambridge graduates in America. After a cancer diagnosis a few years ago, Kathy is in good health and cancer free. She is moving slowly ("amicably") through divorce proceedings, living in Bronxville, NY, and observes that "dating at this age is interesting to say the least." ✷ About the time of our 25th Reunion, **Torie Osborn** "left 10 solid years of gay rights activism, after holding two of the most prominent positions of leadership in that community—head of the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center and then the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in DC." Since then, she has been directing the Liberty Hill Foundation, raising money to support grassroots groups in Los Angeles fighting for racial and social justice. Torie, who promises to make our 35th Reunion, describes herself as "an aging Boomer who's never lost her radical heart but needs a decent salary, is no longer willing to work 70 hours a week, and is content to begin to pass the torch of social justice activism on to a new generation. I do a lot of coaching and mentoring." ✷ And finally, a recent sad note: **Jane Baird**, of St. Paul, MN, died July 14 at the age of 52. Those who knew Jane in our undergrad days will remember how optimistically she embraced the challenge of Type I diabetes. She knew the disease had devastating long-term effects, but she was invariably bright, upbeat, and focused on her future goals. See the memorial elsewhere in this issue to learn more about her life and accomplishments. ✷ Judy Wingham reports: We hope that you all enjoyed a terrific summer and are now rested, refreshed, and ready to take on the busy fall and winter months! Your intrepid class secretaries (along with some 100 fellow '72ers and their families) kicked off the summer with a wonderful 30th class reunion. The rainy, blustery weather that greeted us on Friday morning, May 31, cleared by late afternoon, leaving us with a glorious weekend of warm temperatures and sunshine. We dined and socialized under starlit skies, listened to presidential spokesperson Ari Fleischer '82 talk about life in the White House, took in an art exhibition by artist Sabra Field '57, hiked up Snake Mountain, and generally had a great time, catching up with old friends and making new ones. Like every other reunion, this one conjured up memories of the time that we spent at Middlebury and reminded us of the many ways in which our lives have changed in the years since. A letter from **Michael Reed** echoed something heard several times during the course of Reunion Weekend: "I appreciated reading **Jennifer Hamlin Church**'s heartfelt class notes in the spring '02 issue of Midd Magazine. Jennifer refers to the 25th Reunion and how much more sobered many of us have become since then. (Certainly 9/11 has aged us all.) My memories of 1968-72 remain vividly intense, and they serve to recharge my life today." **Chris Downs** wrote before reunion to say: "The scariest thing about this reunion is how quickly the last five years have gone. My two little girls are now young women and, before the next five years are up, they'll be going to college." ✷ Many thanks to all of you who updated us on your lives over the last five years, for inclusion in the 30th reunion yearbook. The yearbooks were distributed at reunion registration and provided smiles, laughter, and tears throughout the weekend! Keep those letters and e-mails coming; we love to hear from you and pass on your news to your classmates!

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Susan Crandell has been named editor-in-chief of *More* magazine, a very successful, relatively new magazine for women in the 40-60 age group. *More* is published by the Meredith Co., publishers of *Better Homes & Gardens* and *Ladies' Home Journal*. ✷ Now is the time to start making plans to be in Middlebury for our 30th Reunion, June 6-8, 2003! Our thanks to **Scott Helmers** and **Mary Scanlan Parker** for chairing our 30th Reunion gift committee. Work has begun to start raising our reunion class gift. More news will be forthcoming as June approaches.

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Our thanks to Deborah Kovacs '75 for keeping us up to date on **Andrew Meldrum**'s recent trial in Africa. News of Andy appears in Class Action (page 44), and we hope to hear from Andy in his own words very soon. ✷ While in the Boston area on business this spring, **Greg Dennis** caught up with **Tucker Swan** (TSwan@sptispartners.com), who lives in Wellesley, MA. The firm he founded, Aptis Partners, provides consulting services for pharmaceutical companies. They compared notes on running a consulting firm in the healthcare business, and enjoyed Wellesley on a warm, sunny day. ✷ **Susanne Fairclough** (susannefairclo@hotmail.com) writes: "Last year I spent five months in a beautiful area outside of Porto Alegre in Brazil's southernmost state at a dharma center started by a teacher of Tibetan Buddhism, Chagdud Tulku Rinpoche. I was helping to fill eight stupas with mantra, relics, and other consecrated substances and participating in the consecration of these last September. I also introduced a computer program to input Tibetan for folks there to use. Also last

year, the second volume was published of the *Seven Treasuries of Longchenpa*, the foremost scholar and realized master of the Nyingma tradition from the 13th century. I think it's one of the most mind-blowing books ever—called the *Precious Treasury of the Basic Space of Phenomena*, along with his auto-commentary, *A Treasure Trove of Scriptural Transmission*. I've been working with the translator of these works for the past six years, and I was honored to have a translation I did of a poem included in the latter book. Now, I'm ready to dig into the third volume—a history of all the Buddhist philosophical views from the time of the buddha up to Longchenpa's time, examining various Indian schools of philosophy as well. And I'm continuing work on poems in translation. Rigdzin Ling, the community where I live in the Trinity Alps in northern California, was established on land very devastated by gold mining in the last century. Now we are reclaiming it, so the birds are returning, flowers are in bloom everywhere, and a nice swimming pond with fountain brings the herons and swallows. Our Web site is in transition, but you can get an idea at www.chagdud.org for the overall organization or www.snowcrest.net/chagdud. Best wishes to all." ✷ **Mike Schlegel** writes that he and wife Cynthia are emerging "from our work- and kids-dominated cocoon. Although I did submit a piece on our life prior to the 25th, it was late and did not make the circulated document. Some habits do not change from college, I am afraid. Since graduation, I have been in NYC, working in banking, finance, and founding several businesses. In 1997, I was talked into joining my wife in her family marketing research business, which we expanded and sold last year to a big advertising conglomerate. Now, we are re-evaluating our lives. Like many others who have been fortunate, we are looking for new challenges and trying to ease back a bit. We have sons, 16 and 10, attending Poly Prep and Friends Seminary in New York. They love New York and have the old *New Yorker* magazine cover view of the world outside. Trying to find an intellectually challenging occupation without the heavy pressure and time commitment appears to be a common goal among our peers. I suppose we continue to be the idealistic and possibly unrealistic generation. Relaxing is probably not realistic for us, since it generally means jogging, skiing, biking, coaching, or other means of filling time when we

Skiing in avalanche country on January 10 were (front) Tuck Washburne '76, (standing) Willy Dohit (Univ. of Munich '90), Jim Kernan '76, Jim Cardamone '76, Michele Cardamone (Yale '01), Hans Alluberhur (Univ. of Bern '95), Kurt Stitchitt (Williams '77), and Bob Pender '76. They were at 10,000 feet at Jim Cardamone's backcountry hut in Colorado (near Mount Sophris). Apparently it involved 9,000 vertical feet of climbing and only six runs, but "some of the finest powder we've ever had."

James Gibney '82, executive editor of Foreign Policy *magazine, and Public Affairs Officer Bill Millman '72 are halfway around the world from Vermont, working together at the U.S. Embassy in Wellington, NZ.*

are not serving kids. Sitting with our feet up or playing golf has never been our style. We have a home in the Berkshires not far from **Bruce Shenker** and largely furnished by **Tom Rich**. We have made each reunion, and my college friends have so far fooled my wife into thinking they are nice people." Mike would like to hear from classmates at Michael.Schlegel@ziment.com. ✷ A wonderful e-mail from **Andy Gross** described his unconventional life since graduation. First he, a non-skier, ran the largest skiwear company in American and then switched careers at 45 to turn his love of writing into another career: "For the past couple of years, I've been co-authoring fast-paced, 'airplane' crime novels with James Patterson. Our last book, *2nd Chance*, shot right to #1 on the *NY Times* bestseller list. Decades after I had buried the naive dream of those who write (and those who want to) of seeing your name atop that list, I had the thrill of seeing it there. My truly momentary celebrity has not extended much beyond becoming a folk hero to the gateguard where we live, my favorite supermarket check-out girl, and my youngest son's 8th-grade cronies. Truly though, it is a thrill, and humbling, when thinking of all who toil in the arts hoping for a sliver of recognition (and reward) and then this. Our next book (a thriller taking place in the Crusades) is with the publisher and a follow-up to *2nd Chance* is just underway." Andy and wife Lynnie live in Purchase, NY. Daughter Kristen has finished her freshman year at Syracuse and wants to go into the FBI! Their son just wants to snowboard. Lynnie teaches yoga. As Andy says, "Hard to figure, but we have somehow become the alternative couple in a neighborhood of investment bankers." He also has some advice for the rest of us: "To anyone who's buried (or forgotten) that dream, this should be a reminder: Never, never, never give up! Life is much happier when you're the one doing the riding, and not the one being whipped."

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Secretary McGuire reports: I had a brief but enjoyable visit with **Dennis Sabatino** in May. He and his wife, Sharon (Spanish School '80-'81), stopped for an overnight stay while returning from a week's vacation in Ocean City, MD. We hadn't seen each other for 24 years so, needless to say, we talked a lot! Den is living in Derry, NH, and conducting business from his home. He recently testified in front of the New Hampshire Senate in an attempt to pass legislation restricting the use of amalgam dental fillings in children under the age of 18 and women under the age of 45. His wife, Sharon, has suffered memory difficulties and cognitive challenges as a result of mercury poisoning. Happily, she has shown signs of improvement due to new treatment programs. Denny later e-mailed that Sharon's situation and the mercury amalgam issue had recently been featured in three front-page stories in major newspapers and an appearance on Fox TV in Boston. Denny plans to write an article on their ordeal at some point. He extends an invitation to any classmates passing through Derry or vicinity to stop for a visit. ✷ A painting by **Laura Ellis Lee** was chosen as Midd's admissions poster for 2002. She describes her painting as a representation of the dual worlds of Middlebury College: it is not only about the lovely setting of the College, but it also describes the more hidden world of the fox. As she puts it, "One of the things I treasure about Vermont is the way these two worlds exist in harmony." For 25 years, Laura has combined the business of farming with painting; at one time she specialized in equine portraiture. Animals still play an important role in her paintings, as evidenced by the fox that appears in "The View from Cider Mill Road." She has lived for 30 years in the Middlebury area and continues to paint the local landscape. ✷ **Rick Hodes** (rickhodes@hotmail.com) messaged Hugh Marlow '57 in the Alumni Office in May: "My volunteer work here in Addis Ababa is taking care of sick destitutes at Mother Teresa's Mission. Right now I have another Middlebury volunteer here, one Kristina Rudd '03 from Michigan, who spent a semester in Uganda, contacted me, and I placed her at MT's for a month. She's helping give out meds and doing physical therapy. So this morning I was seeing patients (wearing a Middlebury hat) when U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Bono, the rock star, and Chris Tucker, a nice guy and black American actor, came to visit. O'Neill looked at me and said 'Middlebury, good place.' Kristina showed them around the room she works in (doing physical therapy), and I showed them around the sickest patient room. So, FYI, Middlebury did well today in this corner of the globe." Rick added that he could "always" find jobs for Midd students wanting to work in the Mother Teresa Hospital.

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Richard (Bubba) and **Laurie Smith Parker** write that after 12 years in Philadelphia (where Laurie was a family and play therapist and Richard headmaster of Chestnut Hill Academy), they planned to move back to northern New England this summer. They will spend four months a year at their home in Moscow, VT, and the balance of the year working at the Holderness School in New Hampshire. Laurie will be the school counselor and Richard an English teacher and rock climbing instructor. They are thrilled to be coming back north, working at Holderness, and being closer to their two daughters, both of whom are students at Middlebury. ✷ After 19 years at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, where he held several executive positions, including co-head of the investment banking group, **Garrett Moran** has joined MMC Capital, Inc., the private equity investment subsidiary of

Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. Garrett received his MBA from the Wharton School of UPenn and is vice chairman of the board of trustees of Middlebury College. ✷ On June 29, **Richard Hodges** and wife Reanne Dukes, and **Chris** and **Gail Robinson Mead** hosted a group including the usual Left Coast suspects at a barbecue/pool party at the Sonoma Wildflower Preserve. The party was a good excuse to get Richard and Reann and son Adam away from the cougar in their Sonoma neighborhood (at press time the cat had not caught any house pets, being apparently satisfied by the numerous deer in the vicinity.) The gaggle included **Jill Robinson Haizlip** (husband **Elias Haizlip** was unable to attend, being otherwise occupied "somewhere in Asia" (possibly Vietnam, Cambodia, or Thailand, leading a Stanford alumni association tour, so Jill was managing her

A barbecue/pool party brought several '76ers to the Sonoma (CA) Wildflower Preserve: (front) Richard Hodges, Jill Robinson Haizlip, Gail Robinson Mead, Chandler Lee, (back) Larry Moulton, Chris Mead, Mark Gordon.

San Francisco start up geological consulting firm, Geologica, and children Ella, Ian, and Sarah, all at once); Silicon Valley chapter representative **Larry Moulton** and wife Kim (both HP alumni—he opposed the Compaq merger, she favored it); **Chandler Lee** and wife Carolyn Stone (living the child-free life in San Francisco's Noe Valley neighborhood, and recently returned from two weeks in Paris); and **Mark Gordon** (of the Dogpatch Gordons) and wife/chauffeur/social organizer/banking-never-looked-so-good Meb (Mark is still toiling in the technical writing vineyard and gazing longingly at their property up the coast), and children Albert and Laura. The day after the picnic, Chris and Gail, along with Helen (11) and Carson and Cooper (9), marched with members of the Orinda Community Church and 250 members of an ecumenical church group contingent, United in Spirit, in San Francisco's Gay Pride Parade, sandwiched between the Xanadu dance bar float and the Altoids barge. Cooper reported that he saw "lots of biscuits, but only one winkie." He must not have been looking very closely. ✷ **Bob Pender** writes that on January 10 he was at 10,000 feet at **Jim Cardamone**'s back country hut in Colorado (near Mount Sophris) skiing in avalanche country with **Tuck Washburne, Jim Kernan**, and **Jim Cardamone** (photo on previous page). "The last time I did this (three years ago) I almost died from altitude sickness, dehydration, cold, exhaustion and blisters." All four reportedly survived this year's trip.

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What struck me (Gin) most about our 25th Reunion was how similar it was to returning to the campus after a brief, three-month, summer vacation. Little time was wasted on syrupy nostalgia (although there was some discussion about not feeling truly at home again without "elephant scabs" on the menu); the bonding—with old friends and new, with alumni and significant others—was almost instantaneous. A couple of sentences on "what I did over the 25-year hiatus," or "I read about you in the reunion yearbook," and then we were off and running about what we were passionate about today. And everyone was passionate about something: family, vocation, avocation, or simply the search for family, vocation or avocation. Working with the student hosts, I could see the seeds of our current enthusiasm in their eager anticipation of life after Middlebury. I'm told that we were a sort of oddity among classes, and not just because we were the largest class (remember the overcrowding?) until the recent growth of the College. We had a contrary streak in us, and it showed up during the reunion. The College had arranged all sorts of activities for us, but our primary activity of choice was conversation: talking and eating, talking and biking/hiking, talking and sitting. Once started, we couldn't stop. Not for announcements, class pictures, food, or DJ's. There was simply too much energy, too much to know, too much to share. Many people came to the reunion who hadn't been back to the campus since graduating. Others have been to most, if not all of the reunions. **Steve Maire**, once again, traveled all the way from Thailand, and **Alex Bernstein** traveled an impressive distance from Hawaii. A number of classmates contributed their energy to our reunion, or the reunion weekend as a whole, like **Jacquie Phalen**, who led a mountain-biking experience through the rain and thunder; and **Jody Reis Johnson** and **Ken Reeves**, who contributed to the Sunday morning service. **Matthew Calkins** led a tearful/cheerful memorial service for the classmates who are no longer with us but, for the most part, our conversations were about the present and the future. A few were facing "empty nest" syndrome, and were looking forward to new challenges. In others, you could see that they had settled into their true calling, with work that fulfilled them and would continue to do so, at least until our 50th reunion. Some were branching out, pursuing dreams they'd never believed possible before, and I'm expecting great things from them by the next reunion. Of course, there were people who couldn't make it to the reunion, like **Jim Stoner**, whose second son and fourth child, Dominic Joseph Landry Stoner, was born on May 9. And **Ed Phalen** (pepcycle@hotmail.com), who reported in last April about enjoying thoroughbred racing at Keeneland, looking forward to the Kentucky Derby, where he planned to be sipping mint juleps from the infield. And **Ed Young**, who had other commitments, but volunteered to become your new co-class secretary, along with **Bob Lindberg**, so they're sure to attend the next reunion! Send your news to them! Ed's e-mail is ecyoung2001 @yahoo.com, and Bob can be reached via e-mail at rcl@linrip.com.

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Start making plans! Our 25th Reunion will be here before you know it—June 6 to 8, 2003. **Greg Wheeler** is serving as our reunion gift committee chair and many plans are underway for this very special weekend. ✷ **Kathy Allwarden Cruz-Uribe** recently took a job as dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Northern Arizona Univ.: "I have been at NAU since 1989, starting as assistant prof. of anthropology. The college includes the departments of anthropology, criminal justice, political science, psychology, and sociology/social work. My husband and I (Eugene, a history professor) recently celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary. Daughter Alicia (18) is a freshman at Dartmouth this fall. Daughter Mariana (15) is a sophomore in high school." ✷ We deeply regret to report the death of **Peter Scott Aborn** on April 10. The sympathy of the class is extended to Melissa and all the family. A memorial appeared in the summer issue.

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Our thanks to John '51 and Helen Reid Gilmore '51 for letting us know about a mosaic done by **Sandra Kunhardt Basile** in an East Greenwich, RI, Episcopal church. The Gilmores attended the dedication of the mosaic, which took Sandra two and one-half years to complete.

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Marcy Kent (mkent@childrensplace.com) writes: "As the day-to-day doings of my life never seemed the stuff of high drama, I have not felt compelled to write in the years since our graduation. However, Susie's recent e-mail asking for input from those leading just 'normal' lives made me think about how I have enjoyed reading about everyone else, whether normal or extraordinary, for all of these years, so I thought I would answer the call and report in." Marcy is enjoying life as the VP of real estate for the Children's Place, a children's apparel retailer. She moved from the legal side of real estate to the business side about 10 years ago and has a job that is pure fun (well, 90 percent fun). NYC is her base of operations (at least, that is where her wholly insufficient closet is and where her mail is delivered), but she travels extensively for both work and pleasure and considers herself fortunate to have the opportunity to visit frequently with family and friends in various spots—**Kurt** and **Susie Rohardt Strater** in Montreal and **Kate Mooney Harris** in Dallas being the most recent Middlebury connections. Kate Harris has been in the Big D for almost 15 years. Now working as a mom, etc., of two daughters (8 and 13), she's "thinking about her next 'career' and what that might be"—as her kids get older and she and her husband do not! She recently saw **Jill McCarthy**, who stopped by en route from DC to Palo Alto, as she changed locations and jobs for the U.S. Geological Survey. ✷ **Paul** and **Nancy Cochran Crochiere** report that Paul completed his third Boston Marathon in April, finishing 733rd overall and achieving his goal of breaking three hours (final time 2:54:55). When he's not running (which is not often), he's an attorney for a law firm

in Wakefield, MA. Still working from home, Nancy is a freelance editor and writer. She writes a humor column for the local newspaper on the vagaries of modern family life. Daughters Danielle (14) and Rebecca (10) are involved in the usual things that keep their parents running (and driving) seven days a week. ✷ You know how conversation seems easier when there is a dog involved? **Lydia Mueller** took a ski vacation last winter in Sun Valley, where she ran into **Peter Curran** while admiring his happy dogs and drinking coffee on the dog deck of Galena Lodge! Lydia has been studying various healing modalities, especially energy healing and shamanic healing. She has been practicing some massage, Reiki, and "chelation," as well as shamanic and dream journeys. She has also been working on fund-raising for some favorite causes, including her massage school, a Fourth Way spiritual group, and Eliot Cowan's new Blue Deer Center (Plant Spirit Medicine) in the Catskills. She is at home in Santa Fe and often visits family in Cleveland. ✷ **Rob Ackerman** loves cooking Indian food with daughter Elizabeth (14). (They actually roast the spices!) Emme (11) still lets him read to her. His wife, Carol Weston (M.A. Spanish '78) just published a terrific novel for kids called *Melanie Martin Goes Dutch* (Knopf). It's about a girl whose art teacher mom drags her and her brother, Matt the Brat, off to "Amster Amster Dam Dam Dam." ✷ **Rosie Robert**, husband Patricio, and son Patito (age 3) are living in Coyhaique, Chile, in the heart of the Chilean Patagonia, a very remote land of mountains, lakes, and glaciers. They run their own travel agency, selling soft adventure programs and fly-fishing. Rosie is in touch with **Ellen Guidera** and her husband, Henry Purcel, owner of the Portillo Ski Resort. About four years ago, **Barbara Banks Altekruse** visited her, while planning one of her trips for Wilderness Travel. ✷ **Jill Shapiro Mortell** had a wonderful time in Vermont in January, visiting her old roommate, **Kim Benoit Sturgis**, and her lovely family—four beautiful girls, three goats, a new puppy, and a dear husband. Jill is in Montpelier every six months, working on an M.F.A. in poetry at a low-residency program at Vermont College. Otherwise, she gets up every morning and goes to work, which is the desk where she writes. She is in recovery from her technical writing business, which she had for 10 years. Now she writes only poetry, poetry criticism, and nonfiction essays. In the afternoon, she drives. This is because she has three teenagers with lives far more complex than her own. Mandi (16) is a competitive figure skater and dances in an Asian dance troupe; Kate (16) rows for the high school team; and Alex (14) plays hockey. Jill and her husband are eager to "get out of the 'burgh' when the kids graduate," and they are looking for suggestions on "new-age groovy communities in which a writer and an acupuncturist can live happily ever after. Mountains are a must." E-mail her at jamortell@mindspring.com. ✷ After requesting responses from classmates leading just "normal" lives, we came to the conclusion that there is no such thing. You may think your life is normal or even boring, but we *all* want to hear from you, no matter what kind of life you think you lead. So please write and send us your news!

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Secretary Swiggett reports: Although it has been a few months since our 20th Reunion, we did not want to miss the opportunity to thank everyone who attended for helping to make it a truly wonderful event. It was terrific to see so many classmates back on campus! Many of us enjoyed "roughing it" in Hepburn (Did the rooms shrink? Or are we just getting old?), while others chose more civilized accommodations. The campus is as beautiful as ever and the improvements are impressive. Our organizers planned a full weekend of activity, including an opportunity to hear **Ari Fleischer** speak. The class of 1982 had a phenomenal turnout for a 20th reunion. We even won two awards for participation in our class gift—the Gordon C. Perine '49 Award and the Raymond A. Ablondi '52 Cup. We can certainly be proud of our class spirit! ✷ In non-reunion news, **Mitchell Brown** has moved back to his hometown of Baltimore, after 20 years in NYC: "I recently joined Salomon Smith Barney, covering institutional equity accounts. It's fantastic to be in a Wall Street business and live in an area where I have a five-minute commute. I would love to catch up with any classmates traveling to Baltimore." ✷ As you know, engagements are not announced in *Middlebury Magazine*. Keeping that in mind, a report from United Press International informs us that **Ari Fleischer** is "working on the modalities, working on the timing." This in response to questions from the White House Press Corps in regard to a diamond ring being worn by Rebecca Davis, a staffer in the White House Office of Management and Budget. It was also reported that Ari was "wearing a smile as wide as Texas." ✷ After five years of being class secretaries, Mary Beth and I are passing the torch on to two very able classmates, **Wendy Behringer Nelson** and **Caleb Rick**. We have thoroughly enjoyed compiling this column and thank everyone for their great contributions. Keep up the good work and send news to Wendy Behringer Nelson (gomomgo@att.net), 2071 St. Andrews Dr., Berwyn, PA 19312; and Caleb Rick (crick@northcommon.com), P.O. Box 189, Chelsea, VT 05038.

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June 6-8, 2003. Make plans to be in Middlebury then for our very special 20th Reunion weekend. **Siobhan Leahy Ulrich** and **Ruth Kennedy** are serving as social chairs, while **Allison Burroughs** and **Wing Pepper** are leading our reunion gift committee. Make sure that you will be there! ✷ **Shelby Siems** received three New England rankings by the USTA for adult amateur tennis in 2001. She is #2 in the 40-year-old age group, #3 in Opens (any age), and #10 in the 4.5 numerical rating category. Also her winter club team, on which she played #1 singles, won the Central Massachusetts Indoor Tennis Assoc. Championships in May. Her summer 4.5 league team, which won the Eastern Massachusetts div., competed at the New England Championships in August 2001. ✷ In Burlington, **Todd Miller** is busy working for UVM and Fletcher Allen, as well as for Sheraton Hotels. ✷ Massachusetts State Representative **Michael Cahill** is running for State Treasurer. A former Ipswich teacher, he represents Beverly in the legislature and is one of three Democrats running for treasurer. ✷ **Dave Burwick** has been named senior VP and chief marketing officer at Pepsi. We can credit Dave for the recent successful launches of Sierra Mist, Pepsi Twist, and Mountain Dew Code Red. In his early career, he developed marketing plans that made Mountain Dew the fastest-growing soft drink of the '90s. ✷ Congratulations to Bob and **Chandler Bohnn Gray** on the birth of daughter Corinne Celeste on February 26. Corinne's brother, Hampton Scott, turns two on November 11. ✷ Congratulations also to two pairs of newlyweds. **Helen Hammond** and Robert Baldwin were married on March 16 in Branford, CT. Among those celebrating with them were matron of honor Jane Hammond McKinney '80, Barbara Hammond Schoenly '75, Margaret Baldwin Briggs '78, and Tucker Briggs '06. As a soloist and recitalist, Helen concertizes throughout the Northeast. Bob is president of Qroe Companies, innovators in conservational land use and farming perpetuation. They live in Old Lyme, CT. ✷ On April 27, Catherine Vare and **Drew Schembre** were married in Sausalito, CA. The newlyweds work in Seattle, where Catherine is a VP of Sotheby's and Drew is a partner in the Virginia Mason Clinic. A gastroenterologist, Drew got his M.D. from the Univ. of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ.

Four 1984s—Sally Burke McNamara, Kelly Morgan, Ellen O'Toole D'Arcy, and Cecil Marlowe—climbed the Pinnacle in Stowe, VT, in late June.

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Christopher Dominick has left the law firm of Pelz & Associates, PC and started his own practice. Effective July 5, Buck changed business addresses and also has a new e-mail address: cbdominick@msn.com. ✷ **Tim Aiken** has moved up from senior legislative assistant to legislative director in the office of Rep. Jim Moran (D-VA). Before moving to Capitol Hill to join Moran's staff, Tim served as deputy director of the Virginia governor's Washington liaison office.

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Class Secretary: *Dale Sailer (dsailer@disasterkleenup.com), 2237 Linneman St., Glenview, IL 60025.*

John Bramante, who finished 48th in this year's Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, has decided not to enter the race again, because of the wear and tear it inflicted on his dogs. "It's a fallacy to think that the dogs aren't hurting," he reported in a newspaper article. But he emphasized that his feelings about the Iditarod are his own, and he's not passing judgment on how other mushers run the race. "You just have to decide for yourself." Casualties were high in early races, but have been reduced to one to five deaths per race for the past 15 years. ✷ **Miguel Fernandez**, feeling refreshed having recently taken a year's sabbatical in Argentina, held court at Bread Loaf this summer co-teaching a course on U.S.-Latin American Relations at the Alumni College. ✷ **Don Hall** reports that wife Heather gave birth to their second child, son Graham, on April 16. Graham joins sister Allison (3) in the Hall family's new home in Kirkland, WA, a short move from their prior residence in Seattle. Don is still a Microsoftie, now doing marketing for Xbox as director of Xbox.com and Xbox brand strategy.

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One of the rewarding perks of being a class secretary is hearing from old Midd friends who we've somehow lost track of over the years. You never know who you're going to hear from, and on one such day came an e-mail from **Mike Wood**, who recently turned up in the Boston area: "With two poi dogs, a beautiful wife, and a new identity, Woody Michael Ruiz (aka Mike Wood) rolled through Boston this June on his inaugural East Coast Wedding Tour. While in Boston, Woody broke bread with your very own class secretary Sullivan and her strawberry blonde husband; the great thinker of our time, Dr. **Dina Moakley**; and 'Satchmo of Dova" **Paul** 'crazy lips' **Morrison**. Woody and his wife, noted animal nutritionist and healer Faithe Lynn Wood (New Orleans School of Holistic Animal Treatment NMA '00, PMA '01, BMA '02), were out promoting their upcoming wedding celebration on September 28, along the banks of the Mississippi River in their hometown of New Orleans." They also planned a Midwest and a West Coast tour for later in the summer. By the time you read this, the festivities will be over. Congratulations to Woody and Faith on your matrimony! ✷ Dana and **Jeffrey Berkman** welcomed son Jack Wyatt to the world on November 1, 2001. Jack joins big sister Leah Rose (3). The Berkmans are living in Long Island, and Jeff is the general counsel of Bigfoot Communications (owners of www.bigfoot.com), and of Bigfoot Ventures, LLC, in NYC, Hong Kong, and Cebu (Republic of the Philippines). ✷ I (Lisa) caught up with **Liz Faulkner Rico** at our 20th [shhhhh....] high school reunion in DC this spring. She flew in from San Francisco, where she's a design director for Chronicle Books with fellow Midd '86er **Leslie Jonath**. Liz lives in Albany (next to Berkeley) with husband Jorge, daughter Bianca (5) and son Tomas (2). Liz often flies cross-country to catch up with Midd friends. Besides our reunion, she and Leslie attended the recent wedding of **Jeanie Fritts** in NYC, and caught up with **Leslie Lyons Burgat** (who came all the way from the French Alps, where she lives with her husband and children), **Mike Strong**, **Bessie Cromwell Speers**, and **Sharon Lesser Maguire**. A is a senior writer at the Oxygen network, Sharon lives in NYC with husband Matt Maguire. Liz reports that Jeanie, who works at Sotheby's, is relocating to London, after spending several years commuting between London and New York. Last summer, she traveled to Portland, ME, to catch up with **Mike Paterniti**, **Meg Coleman**, and **Dina Moakley**. Some day, she hopes to catch up to some of the closer-to-home Bay area '86ers: Steve Baker, Kerry Brady, where are you? ✷ **Torsten Garber** also is hoping to hear from his Midd friends. He's onboard the aircraft carrier *USS Abraham Lincoln*, based in Everett, WA, which shipped out this summer. His e-mail: tgarbe@lincoln.navy.mil. "It would be great to hear from folks," he says. Before deploying, Torsten went on vacation with wife Julie, daughter Savannah (7, and heading to second grade), and son Eric (almost 3). "We spent five days on the east side of the Cascades at Lake Chelon, WA. It's a 25-mile-long lake that is very narrow and very deep. The four-hour drive through the Cascade Mountains from our home in northern Puget Sound was absolutely beautiful." ✷ And best wishes for a safe voyage to **Victor Kommerell** who, in following the "sign of the times," is off to NATO in Brussels to contribute to an organizational change effort called NATO+ there—a little nervousness and anticipation included. Viktor can still be reached at the PerotSystems e-mail, viktor.kommerell@ps.net. ✷ According to the PR Newswire, **Melanie Trent** has been named VP, investor relations, at Reliant Resources, Inc. She has been with Reliant since 1998. ✷ **Anders Lundberg** reports from Switzerland that he reads Midd Magazine avidly to catch up with College news. He returned to Norway after graduating, and launched a financial career that has included working as a portfolio manager for a life insurance company, starting a bond brokerage department with an Oslo-based securities house, and managing a pension fund portfolio for another company. Now he runs his own business in Geneva, "mainly distributing hedge funds, structured products, and structured equity placements to private and institutional clients." All you business whizzes out there understand that! Anders adds that he also has "two wonderful boys, Fridtjof (8) and Rasmus (6)."

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Our 15th Reunion was fantastic! Special thanks go out to **Kirsten Hegan Detrick** and **Sean Dunphy** for organizing the fund-raising for our class gift, and to **Scott Langerman** for taking on the role of social chair. While juggling her three daughters, **Sharon Ballard Richardson** reported that "it was most fun seeing everyone with their families. There were a lot of babies and children. The weather was great and I think everyone was in awe of how Middlebury has changed since our humble days 15 years ago!" Our thanks to Sharon for collecting news from the reunion. ✷ **Frank** and Susan Van Dyke '88 **Ostrow** left sons Andrew (6) and Christopher (3) at home for the weekend, so they could do some biking in the mountains. Frank reports: "Susan is training for the Pan Mass challenge, a multi-day bike-a-thon in Massachusetts to benefit cancer research. Susan and I have been in Hampton, NH, for about seven years now. I work for SSDOnline.com doing programming and heading up our sales/marketing team." Frank took plenty of pictures at reunion: "It was a great weekend from the keg in the Stewart lounge to the big dinner Saturday night under the tents on Battell beach. The campus looks fantastic and everyone had a great weekend." ✷ **Jay Brodmerkel** came from Seattle, WA, and **Mark Williams** came from Montana. Steve and **Dorrie Paynter Pollock** brought five-month-old Muriel from San Francisco. **Misa Burnett** attended with wife Sarah, daughter Elizabeth, and son Sasha. ✷ Other sightings included **Steve Kirkpatrick, Scott Langerman, Mark Pomfret, John Woolley, John Ward, Tim Kaliban, Jim Lilly, Tom Funk, Dan Robb, Kate Sly Dando, John** and **Allison Beckwith Melson, Todd** and **Eleanor Ode Walter, Scott Meredith, Lisa McCloskey Keeler, Jack Otter, Scott Jones, Sarah Clark Baskin, Ann Poletti, Mike Davis, Paul Davis, Jen Speir-Hearn, Frank Ostrow, Matt Bacon, Gretchen Lardner Jaeckel, Sean Dunphy, Paul Davis, Barb Marvin Nozaki**, and **Geoff Houghton**. ✷ **Kirsten Hegan Detrick** was hoping to make it, but stayed at home waiting for the arrival of Lucie Park Detrick. **Cheri Mather** also had to forego reunion, waiting for the arrival of Andrew Enelow. ✷ Other bits of news gleaned at reunion: **Sharon Fray-Witzer** is busy in Lexington, MA, taking care of daughters Maya and Ava, and practicing law. ✷ **Lynn Feldpausch Zipf** was busy moving into her new home in Silver Spring, MD. ✷ **Kate Felstiner Lowe** is in London with daughter Bronwyn. ✷ **Scott Chrysler** is a dean at the Episcopal School of Acadiana in Louisiana. ✷ **Westy Caswell Copeland** is out in Minneapolis with son Paris and husband Jonathan. ✷ **Beth Andrews Lamberson** is doing great with daughter Lauren in Maine. ✷ **Ann Christie Gusiff** was sorry to miss reunion. She is busy in local charities and enjoys being active with her two daughters, Christiana (4.5) and Sonia (1). ✷ **Gail Harrison Hubbard** wrote from Richmond, VA, reporting that her family had recently returned from a vacation at Lake Wicwas in New Hampshire. Her boys, Scott (6.5) and Eric (4), had such a great time fishing, boating, and swimming that they didn't want to head back down to the heat and humidity of Virginia. ✷ **Amy Cleaves Milanek** finds her "time is very limited now with the addition of Joseph Spencer Milanek on May 29. Brother Blaise (3.5) and sister Cassie (2) love their new little brother, as does Nittany, our chocolate lab. Needless to say, we are a little busy, but loving every minute!" ✷ **Dan** "Metal" **Warthin** has moved to Healy, AK: "I continue to work for the National Park Service as the fire management officer for Denali National Park and Preserve, in addition to providing wildland fire management oversight to five other Alaskan parks—Lake Clark, Bering Land Bridge, Cape Krusenstern, Kobuk Valley, and Noatak." Dan's address is P.O. Box 380, Henly, AK 99743.

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Class Secretary: *Claire Gwatkin Jones (gwatko@yahoo.com), 334 N. Oakland St., Arlington, VA 22203.*

Amazing, but true. Planning is underway for our big 15th Reunion, coming up on June 6-8, 2003. **Claire Gwatkin Jones** is leading our reunion social committee, and the reunion gift committee is

headed up by **Sarah O'Herron Casey** and **Joan Viebranz Lockwood**. ✷ **Shawn Ryan** is the creator and an executive producer of *The Shield*, which critics have called one of the best new dramas of the year. It appears on FX, a new cable network. Shawn won a series of national playwriting awards while at Middlebury and later moved to Los Angeles to pursue a successful television career, working on shows like *Angel* and *Nash Bridges*. ✷ **Richard Riegel** has been appointed president and CEO of Thor Industries subsidiary, Airstream. He had been Thor's VP, corporate development, for the last four years. ✷ Last spring, **Michael Obel-Omia** was a regional finalist for the White House Fellows program, a highly competitive program designed to give 11 to 19 people the chance to serve for a year as a special assistant to a Cabinet member or presidential adviser. With an abiding interest in government service, Michael has said that he "may someday enter the political ring—but not yet." ✷ **Christopher Sinton** has become the

Christmas in April brought the Bay Area Chapter out in force to renovate the home of an elderly woman in Oakland, CA, on April 27. Participants included Arianne Faber Kolb '88, Sarah Cotton '99, Buck de Wolf '87, Amity Wall '99, Deirdre Connolly '00, Amanda Peters '00, Myles Felsing '98, Ryan Goldman '98, Myles Moody '90, Andrew Friendly '91, Jennifer Hillner Wagner '93, Jenny Arnold '98, Kelly Johnson '98, Molly Campbell Voorhees '98, Coert Voorhees '96, Jonathan Glidden '68, Gail Bliss Allen '57, Blakely Anderson Atherton '92, Rebecca Fine '97, Caleb Clark '98, Brian Bank '91, Brent Pickett '91, Sue Resnicoff '91, and Mark Beere '87.

first full-time director of the Center for Environmental and Energy Research at Alfred Univ. At the Center, faculty and students work with industrial, state, and federal sponsors on projects promoting technologies that result in environmental and energy sustainability. Chris and wife **Diana Stuart Sinton**, an assistant prof. of geography and environmental sciences, live in Alfred with children Emily, Eric, and Julia. ✷ **Nancy Caulfield** and Paul Bottino '87 are delighted to announce the arrival of daughter Sarah Susan Bottino on October 4, 2001. ✷ In Raleigh, NC, Conita and **Jeff Benson** welcomed twin sons Grant and Eric on April 9. They joined son Zachary (2) and all are reportedly doing well. ✷ May 30 was the birthday of Maximilian Karl Christian. His parents are Christophe and **Arianne Faber Kolb**. Besides being a busy new mother, Arianne is also working on her book on Jan Brueghel, due for publication in fall 2003. ✷ Congratulations to newlyweds Tracy Toon and **Theodore Spencer**, who were married on June 8 in Cornwall, CT. In NYC, Tracy owns a personal coaching business, Be You to Full Inc., and Theo is a project manager at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

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Lincoln Fowler sent an interesting update: "Returned to Milwaukee after graduation. Eventually founded Alterra Coffee with brother Ward '86 sometime in the spring of 1992. Ten years later find ourselves importing, roasting, distributing coffee as well as retailing through five locations, plus a bakery. Enjoying many aspects of the business, especially the relationships with growers. Have established very positive connection with Chiapan Indians in Mexico and pursuing Fair Trade connections with various growers. Married Lilith vonFoerster (Pomona '91) and convinced her that the weather in Milwaukee surpassed that of her native San Francisco. Reality intruded, but marriage continues. Visited Midd some months back during vacation. Impressed with the evolving campus. Best to all." ✷ **Carl** and **Catherine Butts Vikstrom** welcomed Annika Rahiha to the family on May 26. She joins big brother Lars (3). ✷ **K.C. Koch Reeves** reports: "On July 3 (at 3 A.M.) the newest member of our family was born and we're all very excited that we have a baby GIRL. (We didn't find out ahead of time. What a shocker for me!) Her name is Katherine Ann Reeves, and we're calling her Annie. We're all doing well at home and starting to get used to having pink things in the house." K.C. and John have two sons, John Nicholas (5.5) and Sam (3). ✷ **Reynolds Salerno**'s first book, *Vital Crossroads: Mediterranean Origins of the Second World War, 1935-1940*, was recently published by Cornell University Press (ISBN # 0-8014-3772-5). Ren (rmsalerno27@yahoo.com) writes: "I am not a practicing historian, but instead work on counter-bioterrorism issues at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM. ✷ **Valerie Hegarty** recently graduated from the MFA program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, which she was attending on a trustee scholarship, a full-merit scholarship. In 2000, she received a community arts assistance program grant from the city of Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Illinois Arts Council. Upon graduating from SAIC, she was the recipient of a 2002 fellowship award for her mixed-media installation work. ✷ **Laurie Bowman Santiago** wrote to pass along some very sad news: "My husband Tim passed away in his sleep on March 28, 2002. He was only 42, and his death was completely unexpected. Heart disease was determined to be the cause. Luckily he left me with a little part of him: our son, Kyle William Timothy, was born in December 2000, and he is simply the light of my life. Other than toddler babbling, his understandable vocabulary consists of about a dozen words, and one of his favorites remains 'Papa.' It's amazing he still remembers. On a happier note, on July 13, I attended the wedding of **Dana King** and Paul Janda in Madison, WI. It was a beautiful ceremony on a perfect summer day. Dana is doing well and recently became a board-certified veterinary surgeon, after completing her residency at UPenn. She worked at the Univ. of WI as an instructor in large animal surgery and is leaving academia to pursue a job in the private sector." Laurie would like to hear from classmates at timlaurie@techheadnet.com.

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Greg Naughton has been making quite a name for himself in the NYC music scene, doing a regular gig at the Red Lion in the Village. ✷ **Elizabeth Toder** recently returned from three weeks in the Dominican Republic, evaluating a credit fund and implementing new lending regulations for a local nonprofit that works in the area of human rights for the immigrant Haitian-Dominican population living in the poverty-stricken *bateyes*, former sugar cane plantations. Normally, Elizabeth works in NYC as a senior program officer, specializing in the area of microcredit, for American Jewish World Service, an international grant-making organization. This August, Toder played in the World's Ultimate Frisbee Tournament in Honolulu, HI, with the Southeast Asian team, the Durians. ✷ **Holly Marcum** is the new executive director of business development and commercialization for Amphora Discovery Corp., a newly formed chemical genomics company. Holly is also completing her MBA at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. ✷ John and **Phoebe Paine Gause** are living in Bangor with sons Daniel (5) and Thomas (2.5). Phoebe writes: "We're close to lots of family, which is great. I'm working part time as a family nurse practitioner with the Penobscot Nation in Old Town, ME. I don't know of many Midd grads in Bangor, but I do keep in touch with a few good Midd friends from Maine to Alaska!" ✷ In September 2001, George and **Meg Walsh Knight** welcomed newest addition Grace to their family, joining Georgie (6), Healy (4), and Logan (3). Meg describes it as a "photo finish," as Grace arrived moments after the last electrician, plumber, painter, et al, had left! They had moved into an old house they are renovating in New Haven, CT, just weeks before. George is an architect for Cesar Pelli in New Haven, and Meg is "full-time commander of the troops." ✷ **Andy Novak** and wife Jiwon happily announce the arrival of Ansen Richard Novak on February 25. ✷ **Jason** and **Hei-Won Lee Merrill** welcomed daughter Rachel Yoonjin Merrill on March 8. Rachel joins big brother Nicholas. Jason recently accepted a tenure-track position teaching at Michigan State. He was teaching at the Middlebury Language Schools this summer, so Hei-Won had her hands full getting the house packed and ready to move from New Jersey to Michigan. ✷ Liz and **David Muhlbaum** are "the proud parents of Sarah Holland Muhlbaum, born May 8, right here in Washington, DC. She's looking forward to greeting her parents by name and enjoying full Congressional representation, hopefully even before she's old enough to vote." ✷ Owen Strachan Miller was born on May 14 to proud parents **Tizz Strachan** and Scott Miller. Naturally, not even a newborn is slowing down Tizz. She has been jogging, and she even played her first soccer game only seven weeks after his birth. She's looking forward to taking the next year off from teaching, so Owen will be spending a lot of time in the baby jogger! ✷ **Benedict Monachino** (ben@alumni.middlebury.edu) is a commercial technology lawyer at Bingham McCutchen in Boston, handling transactions relating to technology, such as software, hardware, biotech, and pharmaceuticals. On June 15, he welcomed daughter Cayla Elizabeth into the world. She joins sister Alexa and brother Blake. ✷ **Steve** and **Karen Strong Fossel** welcomed Jonathan William to the family on June 30. He joins big sister Lauren. ✷ In California, **Cristina Clapp** and Jon Silberg were married at

the Malibu West Beach Club on April 27. She's managing editor of the online unit in L.A. of United Entertainment Media, a company that produces *Guitar Player*, *Digital Media*, and other trade magazines. Jon is a freelance writer. ✷ There was a large Midd turnout in Hillsboro Beach, FL, for the April 14 marriage of **Marcia McMillan** and Tim McDonough '91. Among those present were Russ Young '91, **Chad Alfeld**, Mayra Padilla '91, Sarah Garner Rowe '91, and Shawn '88 and **Crissy Meredith Miele**. The newlyweds live in Mercer Island, WA, where Marcia is the managing principal of Stewart-McMillan Financial Consultants, and Tim is a director at Microsoft. The McDonoughs send their best wishes to **Beckett Stokes** and husband Andy Seelaus on the recent birth of their daughter, Eleanor. ✷ **Patrick Mercanton** was married to Christel Fenes two years ago. Celebrating with them in Normandy were **Bill Krolicki, Denny Taylor**, and Jean Rondon '89. "After seven years in Paris and three years in Amsterdam, I am now living in Copenhagen and enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of a Scandinavian summer. I am still working in marketing but I left the fashion world and Levi Strauss to join the mobile telephony revolution a year ago (arguably not at the best time). As global marketing manager for the fashion, premium, and sporty phones, I tend to travel extensively, and most of all to Finland, since I am working for NOKIA. Christel and I had a marvelous time at Denny Taylor's wedding last year, and I was happy to catch up with the Midd crowd." Patrick is looking to hear from **Ted Siebert, Jay McConnell**, and **Nick Sambanis** at Patrick.Mercanton@nokia.com.

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Kate Kelley graduated from Duke Univ. School of Law in May and had plans to relocate to Denver in the fall. ✷ More Denver news arrived from **Andrew Resnik**: "I've traded in my surfboards for a snowboard. Left KNSD-TV and my hometown of San Diego for KUSA-TV in Denver. I anchor on the weekends and report three days a week. Colorado is a big, beautiful place with endless mountains and fantastic towns. I'm trying to see them all in between assignments. **Rob Tod** and **Rod Thompson** have come in for great visits, and Rob Tod's Allagash Beer is now selling in the Rocky Mountains." ✷ For his work as cofounder/publisher of the 18-to-34-targeted online magazine *Crisp*, **Anthony Tedesco** has been commended as one of the top seven Web publishers in the world by *Virtual City* magazine (a Newsweek publication) and was featured in the book, *International Who's Who in Information Technology*. Anthony and Paul's book on writing for online magazines, *Online Markets for Writers* (http://www.marketsforwriters.com} (Henry Holt & Co., June 2000), has enjoyed rave reviews and recognition from the *Writer's Journal*, *Publisher's Weekly*, National Writers Union, the American Society of Journalists and Authors, and others. Anthony's book, *Life After College in 14 Million Easy Steps*, has been purchased by Kensington/Zebra Books. ✷ **Kris Johnson** writes from Charlotte, NC: "After working in sports-marketing here for the past five years with International Management Group (IMG), I've ventured out on my own and completed my first novel, *The Endgame*." It was released in September and is available at Amazon.com, Borders, Barnes and Noble, etc. ✷ **Michelle Graber Bergland** lives outside of Boston with husband John Bergland (German School '91) and daughter Carolyn (2 in October). Now working in human resources for an international educational travel company, Michelle would love to hear from old friends at michelle.bergland@ef.com. ✷ **Elizabeth Kelly** and Ronald Rossetti Jr. were married June 22 in Rutland, VT. Elizabeth is the manager for legal personnel at Boston law firm Hale & Dorr. Ronald is VP of Blue Lake Partners, a Boston investment banking concern for technology businesses.

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About 130 classmates made it back to campus during our 10th Reunion! Although we had a few more at the 5th, we've married, multiplied, and convinced significant others to visit Vermont. The weather broke favorably on Friday as former classmates arrived on campus for a weekend complete with optimism, balance, and convergence. Impressive new buildings and makeovers dotted the campus, but the main story was the energy derived from the individuals in attendance. There's a saying that goes "nostalgia isn't what it used to be." Our visit to our special Vermont retreat proved otherwise. ✷ The Friday arrivals were able to take their time observing the changes that have slowly transformed the campus since our days. Even though we did not get to take advantage of the new facilities, it is clear that the College is showing impressive growth. Like the economy, the campus reveals that the 'brick and mortar' theme still holds up to the 'dot-com revolution,' providing a physical sense of place that we still cherished. Our memories belong, even though physical changes are taking place. **Frederick Lawrence** was happy to be welcomed by former DC housemates, including the ever-smiling **Heather Wilson**; **Bruce Silverman** and **Todd Kafka** checked out the new science labs in Bicentennial Hall: **Matt Johnson** and **Bill Rodgers** conducted a late night reconnaissance of the Kappa house; **Buddy Heller** and **Terrence Ou** tested the fooz table in the new pub at McCullough. ✷ Saturday was one of those perfect Vermont days for the reunion parade, convocation, and class photo. Prior to all the pageantry, there were festivities at the Center for the Arts—many geared for the younger set. So many children! To mention a few: **Damon** and **Lori Racha Silverman** have twin sons; **Laura Cohen Cline** has a perpetual motion machine; Bill and **Christina Bethke Rodgers** have two boys (who loved the Midd kid Nerf balls); **Cynthia Gabriel** and **Felix Paulick**'s daughter, Sylvia, was about 7 mos. old (Cynthia is studying to be a midwife); **David McCollough**'s son James is the spitting image of his dad; **Kashif Zafar** has two sons (one insisted on joining his dad for the class photo; **John Swanson**'s daughter Lucy calmly watched Friday's dinner in the old hockey rink from her dad's shoulders. And **Eric Mendelsohn** was on his way to a wedding with his wife and six-week-old baby! Friends met up with **Tracey Merrill** and **Eric Wellman** to meet their son, Joseph. ✷ Golf was a popular endeavor on Saturday. **Kent Hughes, Jason Crawshaw, John Mansfield,** and **Keith Wilson** were part of the crowd, **Lisa Healy** and **Gillian Morris** kept the DU contingent company. **Pat Dyson** finished the afternoon by missing a two-foot putt on the 18th hole in front of an audience of 60 classmates and friends. **Ed Welsh** and **Matt Shaw** managed not to take life too seriously. ✷ Despite all the amazing lectures, fun activities, and mountain trails calling to us to be hiked, quite a few people gathered Adirondack chairs in front of Pearsons, ferried libations from our HQ, and just enjoyed the Vermont scenery: **Kelly Watson, JJ Gilmartin, Bill McDavitt** (who pulled into campus Saturday afternoon with a travel saga that earned him the perseverance award—the laugh lives on!), **Sara Weale, John Rudge**, and **Elizabeth Bell** were some of the outdoor revelers. The very talented **Dean Plocher** can drive a golf cart with TWO huge chairs balanced on board. **Mark Miller** left the sterility of a Merck research lab; **Heather Wilson** made lots of Midd mascot cookies; **Susan Scheer** traveled from Seattle; **Danielle Moon** joined the Friday late night crowd; **Chip Muir** laughed throughout the festivities; and **Pete Walsh** and **Gavin Ma** were seen celebrating throughout the weekend! ✷ **Tom Garrett** brought some fruits of his labor to accompany the lobster feast on Saturday night. **Mike Summersgill, Dave Freeland, Curt Boeschenstein**, and **Jon Loewald** were some of the lucky recipients. **Jamie Gorman** was tan and styling in some very cool specs! **Lori Calise** and **Tammy Dalton** made the most of the weekend festivities. **James Hamilton** and **Maria Shollenbarger** caught up, while **Matt Leroux** and **Ritu Verma** shared some stories under the big tent. **Charles** "Chuck" **Buck, Bryn Neubert Buck** and **Steve Schrodel** represented Jewett. **Nick Hinge** was back with his blushing Russian bride. **Andy Aube** visited sans wife and kids, since it was her reunion the following weekend. **Matt Slaughter** had his candy bag. **Jon Parr**, who left the sub business for the exciting nightlife of trading in the European markets, was buffed out doing his best Bruce Willis impression, shaved head and all. **Dylan Dimock** traveled from the "deep south" of NC. ✷ **Tom Kovach** had the same excuse this reunion as last for not attending—working in London. Ah, the life of the jet set! **Audrey Waters** was also traveling abroad, Netherlands and then the UK, but sent her regards. **Anne Schott** was headed to Europe shortly after reunion, so couldn't manage both trips, and **Kara Klein** was thinking about us as she "sipped rum on Puerto Rican sands." Also missing was **James Christian**, because the good doctor had to be on call, and **Cynthia Lewis Kavanagh** was graduating from BU with her MBA. **Todd** "Goggles" **Richman** didn't make it because he had trouble reading his calendar. Bad weather prevented **Patty Garffer** from attending. Patty, you were missed! **Hank McKnelly** was in the process of moving to DeRidder, LA, to assume a new position with the Army JAG at Fort Polk. ✷ Saturday night the band Michigan Black Snake rocked Johnson with a great beat and everyone was dancing as ten-year dance grooves faced off against the five-year styles. There was even some limbo action: out of nowhere **Tristram Perkins** and **Nick Elfner** appeared with a bar and the crowd lined up: **Susan Lipinski, Stephanie Ruby, Matt Pauley, Leslie Highfield, Brian Bauer, Emma Loewen, Bill Kiester, Buddy Heller, Lilly Gray, Heather Van Epps**, and **Gilda Smart** all made it safely

under the limbo bar! **Leslie Cone Pagnotta** tried to limbo with a full glass and ended up wearing quite a bit, while **Sara Garcia** had an enthusiastic dance partner from the 5th Reunion. **Chris Bevin** visited with remnants of the Battell South crowd, reminiscing about days of laser tag and late-night philosophizing. ✷ **Kingman Gordon** organized fun starting Thursday, had a hike going on Friday, and libations were flowing Saturday at Angela's. Thanks to the well-honed organizational skills of **Dave Boyle**, the party continued until dawn both Friday and Saturday nights. The willing late-night participants included **Dean Flannegan**, **Chris Carton**, **Warren Dowd**, **Tyson Freeman**, **Corey Chase**, **Bill Wheeler**, **Rich Burke**, **Mike Rex**, **Toby Frank**, **Bill Tice**, and Dr. **Dave Cunningham**. The class of '92 proved yet again its staying power by outlasting the 5th year alumni. Yes, after 10 years of maturing, we still have what it takes. ✷ The slide show capped the Sunday brunch, with the **Steve Cox** gorilla photo being a crowd pleaser as usual. **Cynthia Gabriel** and **Tom Armbrecht** were heard vowing to send in photos to add to the slide show for our 15th—2007, here we come!

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Although it seems like only yesterday that we were leaving Middlebury, our 10th Reunion is actually coming up, June 6–8, 2003! Start making your plans to be there. Many activities are being planned and **Colin Breeze** is helping out as one of our reunion gift committee chairs. Mark your calendars! ✷ From Wellesley, MA, **Pete** and Liz Weems '94 **Carpenter** report the arrival of son Reid Henry Carpenter on April 24, Pete's birthday! They live in Wellesley, MA. Pete is a securities analyst with Standish Mellon in Boston and Liz is a public relations consultant, now taking some time off to be mom. ✷ Jennifer and **Mike Matheson** (michael.matheson@qwest.com) welcomed daughter Lucille (Lucy) Anne to the family on April 29, "making that four (yes, 4) kids under six years old. Hey evolution is a race; we run to win." ✷ Dr. **Buck Wallace** (buckwallace@yahoo.com) has packed up and moved to Jackson, WY, where he is a staff physician at St. John's Medical Center. He's living in Jackson Hole. ✷ **Lewis Robinson** is publishing a book, *Officer Friendly and other Stories*, next January with Harper Collins Publishers. ✷ **Ana Reeder** appeared in the new Neil Labute play which opened in London last May at the Almeida Theatre. It was directed by David Leveaux, who recently did *The Real Thing* on Broadway. ✷ **Sarah Taylor** and Matthew Dunn were married on June 29 in Hartland, VT. With her master's in Anglo-Irish literature (Trinity College '95), Sarah is a free-lance writer for magazines and newspapers. Matthew is the national director of AmeriCorps Vista in DC. Congratulations to them, and also to co-secretary **Anne Harris** and Charles Wartchow, who got married on July 15!

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Anne Brahic was nominated in July for an Emmy Award as art director of last autumn's "Concert for NYC" at Madison Square Garden. She is "keeping busy" designing and art directing various television projects in New York and elsewhere, such as the "Divas Las Vegas" special, the "My VH1 Music Awards" in Los Angeles and the upcoming "MTV Video Music Awards" (for the second year in a row). ✷ **Anna Belknap** recently concluded a run of three Moliere one-acts at the Mark Taper in Los Angeles. ✷ **Porter Fox** was recently named features editor of *Powder* magazine. He's also a free-lance writer working out of Portland, ME. ✷ Evelyn and **Paul Bavier** welcomed daughter Eloise on November 21, 2000. Living in Arlington, MA, Evelyn has managed exhibitions at the Harvard Univ. Art Museums, and Paul is an attorney at Ropes & Gray in Boston. ✷ **Megan Martin Maguire** and husband Derek announce the birth of son Declan Edward on June 26, 2001. He joins sister Quinn Noreen, born April 4, 2000. Bill and **Brett Harman Rugg** and **Matt** and **Jennifer St. Clair Waddell** made it down to Chatham, NJ, to join in the surprise 30th birthday party for Megan on May 11. Megan's cousin, Brendan Collins, and his wife, Nathalie, couldn't make it—but the birth of their son, Aidan Michael, born earlier that day, was a really great excuse! ✷ **Josh Kucker** completed one year of ob/gyn training in Madison, WI, and then moved to Jacksonville, FL, to begin three years of emergency medicine residency training. "Big career switch." Josh and several other Midd Kids were in attendance when Ellie Schemenauer and **Jeff Herriott** were married in southern Vermont this summer. ✷ A typographical error in the summer issue, placed **Kathleen Kuykendall Aiello** in the wrong class! The caption under her wedding photo (page 63) should have said 1994 and should have specified that she and Dave were married on July 7, 2001. ✷ On July 14, 2001, **Elizabeth Robbins** married Michael Harned, of Bowling Green, KY. **Elizabeth Anne Gold** was matron of honor. The newlyweds live in Lexington, KY, where Elizabeth teaches middle school French, English, and environmental science, while Michael attends UK medical school. ✷ The family of Mike '92 and **Kristen Currier Benjamin** got bigger on June 13, when they welcomed second daughter Zoe Katherine into the family. She joined big sister Alice (born March 6, 2000). The Benjamins still live at the Kent School in Connecticut, where Kristen teaches French and coaches lacrosse, and Mike teaches ecology and environmental science, and coaches soccer. They live in a boys' dorm (65 boys) where Kristen is the head. Last year, they had 40 seniors—mostly Canadian hockey players—who were generally good guys, but not the quietest of neighbors. Two of Kristen's students are attending Middlebury this fall, and one more will join them as a Feb, so she's excited to hear back from them about how things are up there these days. Kristen and Mike welcome communication from classmates at benjamink@kent-school.edu (Kristen) or benjaminm@kent-school.edu (Mike). ✷ **Keith Kelly** has finished his master's in medieval studies and is beginning final work on his Ph.D. in English at Saint Louis Univ. under accomplished medieval literature prof. Tom Shippey this fall. He and wife Erika now have two children, Murren Kate having joined Braedon McKay (2) in June. ✷ **Brian Schaefer** graduated in July with a Ph.D. in philosophy from the Univ. of Edinburgh: "My dissertation focused on the justification of universal rights. I am now teaching philosophy at Ohio Univ." ✷ Sad news arrived from **Chris Carter**, who had learned of the death of **Chase Byron** on June 22: "I regret to be the one to share this news, but it seems like there may be people who would want to know. The alumni office gave me Chase's mother's address, so if anyone wants to send anecdotes or words of comfort, let me know (firecoyote@yahoo.com) and I'll pass them along. Chase was a great writer and a really wonderful person. A bright and shining star. We are less without him, but greater for having known him." Not long before his death, Chase was visited in Sarasota by Kate Unterberg Kessler '92, who came from Chapel Hill, NC, and **Carlotta Mariza Alexakou**, who came from Athens, Greece. Chase was incredibly well loved among his classmates and, for all of them, we send condolences to Chase's mother and all the family. The family was traveling to Middlebury in August to attend the Bread Loaf School of English graduation, for the posthumous awarding of Chase's master's degree.

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Ryan and **Marnie Virden McNany** are pleased to share news of the birth of daughter Mary Tomlinson McNany on February 24. ✷ Wendy and **Brad Smith** welcomed the arrival of their first child, Samuel Gearing Smith, on May 14. They reside in Chattanooga, TN. ✷ More good news arrived on June 13, when James Foster Hetherington made his debut. His parents, **Foster** and **Janine Hetherington**, are doing fine. Photos can be found at http://photos.yahoo.com/janifost. ✷ **Danielle Berry** and Daniel Webb were married on April 20. Danielle writes: "We were married in Reston, VA. Following a honeymoon cruise in Hawaii, we returned to our Arlington digs and began the great 'house hunt.'" ✷ The May 18 marriage of Laura Wright '97 and **Ian McCray** took place at the Whitford House Inn in Addison, VT. The Rev. Howard Fauntroy '89 officiated. In Philadelphia, Laura is completing a medical degree at the Jefferson Medical College, while Ian is the director of college counseling at the Chestnut Hill Academy. ✷ Newlyweds **Mara Rendi** and Paul Farris (married June 15) are living in the Hanover, NH, area. Both are continuing their medical school studies at Dartmouth Medical. Free time is spent skiing, golfing, hiking, mountain biking, and enjoying New England. ✷ After being in a long-distance relationship, **Arnold Lewis** and Wendy Eckman are moving to Boulder, CO, together. Wendy will continue her work as a public defender for the State of Colorado. After four years at Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma, WA, Arnold (alewis@dawsonschool.org) will be a Spanish teacher and department head for the Alexander Dawson School in Lafayette, CO. He will continue working with his business, Dare to Dream: Chile Student Travel, where he takes high school students to Chile in the summer for public service projects and skiing/snowboarding. ✷ Corie and **Daniel Perregaux** have moved from Phoenix to Washington State, where Dan is working as an emergency physician and loving the great outdoors. ✷ **Theron de Ris** is in Milan: "I am still selling U.S. shares to Italian clients at Morgan Stanley. Middlebury Italian classes helped the transition, but I really owe everything else to the most wonderful half-Italian-half-Swiss woman in the world, Lara

Eschler, who really made me learn the language and helped me avoid faux pas with the culture. Being with her for more than 10 years will always be my greatest achievement." ✷ Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe has named **Erica De Vos** director of the office of secretary Alice Germond. Erica has served in the secretary's office since 1996 and, for the past three years, has been the office's deputy director. ✷ After a couple of years back on the East Coast, **Annika Hipple** recently moved to Seattle, "where I am excited about all the beautiful scenery and outdoor activities. I am working as a tour director on contract with various tour companies and hope to start running my own trips to Scandinavia, Latin America (I'd like to put my M.A. in Latin American studies to some use!), and other parts of the world soon. When I'm not traveling, I am working on getting my freelance writing and editing career off the ground." Old friends passing through Seattle can reach Annika at annikahipple@yahoo.com. ✷ Since 1857 when Chelsea, MA, was incorporated as a city, immigrants have been coming there from all over the world. **Sayra Pinto**, who arrived in Chelsea from Honduras when she was 14 years old, is now the director of the Vision, Intention and Action Project, a $2 million educational program for 100 Chelsea residents at ROCA, a human development organization. She started the program in July. ✷ The condolences of the class are extended to the family of **Sandro Wulff**, who died on April 6. A memorial appeared in the summer issue.

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In Anchorage, AK, Daniel and **Jennifer Jay Bass** welcomed daughter Clara Wyn Bass on April 9. This fall, the Bass family planned a move to Iowa City, where Jen will attend grad school. ✷ Church in the Forest, Pebble Beach, CA, was the setting of the May 26 marriage of **Deborah Bailey** and **Michael Kreuzer**. In San Francisco, Debbie is a physical rehabilitation specialist in St. Francis Memorial Hospital and Mike is a sales rep for Advent Software. ✷ **Sarah Kroon** and Benson Chiles were married in Rumson, NJ, on June 29. With her MBA from NYU, Sarah is a former investment banking associate with the SoundView Technology Group. Benson is a founding partner and chief operating officer of N Space Labs, a company that designs financial analysis software in NYC. ✷ **Stephen Slauson** graduated from Northwestern School of Medicine last May. He and fiancée Kim Baldini were moving to Phoenix, where he will start a three-year residency in July. ✷ **Lisa Old** writes that she "moved in February to a new home in Corrales, NM, with my boyfriend, Javier Kael. I now have a permanent law clerk position with a federal judge, which I truly enjoy. I am still an avid runner and love riding my horse after work." ✷ **Tiffany Conroy** (tbubamara@hotmail.com) says she is "still studying for her Ph.D. at Northeastern Univ. in Boston. Would love to hear from Midd friends. Any a cappella singers in Boston who'd like to start a group, please contact me. I'm jonesing to sing again! (Or perhaps you're in a group and need new member?) ✷ **Dan O'Brien** had a new play produced at the Williamstown Theatre this past summer. Following that, he has a year's fellowship at the Sewanee Playwrights Conference. ✷ **Dave Wolman** has received a Fulbright, which will take him to Japan in January to work and write. His primary assignment will be to write about the dispute the Japanese and Russians have over the Kuril Islands, but he will also be filing other "cultural dispatches" for magazines and newspapers, as well. ✷ **Dan Rice** and his family have established an endowed scholarship fund in memory of **Jeff Bittner**, who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The scholarship will be awarded to students with preference for those demonstrating an interest in business, world affairs, and community volunteer involvement. To coincide with the first anniversary of 9/11, the first recipient of the scholarship, a current student at Midd, will be named this fall. Classmates may add to the Jeffrey D. Bittner '96 Memorial Scholarship Fund at Middlebury by directing gifts to the College Advancement office.

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Thank you to **Karen Lewis Jacobs** and **Rob Birdsong** for doing a great job as our class secretaries for the last five years. They did a wonderful job and we appreciate their hard work! It was great to see everyone at our 5th Reunion in June. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and were able to catch up with old friends. ✷ **Rudi Karastoyanova** (rudik@chartgroup.com) writes, "Great to be back for my 5th to catch up with old friends and make new ones! Drop a line or call if you are in NY." ✷ **Bill Noto** has moved to NYC for drum school. ✷ Safely back from her stint in the Peace Corps in Africa, **Lilia Gerberg** is living in NYC. ✷ **Amy Nichols** and **Jamee Field** recently returned from a trip to Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, France, and Spain. In Moscow they met up with **Katie Eckert** and **Samantha Berkey Karageorge** to celebrate **Kate Emelianova**'s wedding. They also saw Greg Guido '96 for dinner one night in Prague. ✷ **Joseph Pearson** (www.josephpearson.net) writes: "I am living in Amsterdam with my partner, James, and working as a freelance journalist." ✷ **Sara Hasan** (shasannagy@yahoo.com) is the Global Associate at the Feminist Majority Foundation in DC, working primarily on the Campaign to Help Afghan Women and Girls. ✷ **Andrew Smith** (awsmith3@worldnet.att.net) left DC on July 4 to attend the MFA acting program at the Univ. of CA, San Diego. "Three years on the California Coast!" ✷ **Meg Macy** has moved to Denver, CO, to start her pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital. She got her medical degree at Case Western in May. ✷ After graduating from Boston Univ. Law School, **Catherine Mitchell** moved back to the Los Angeles area. She was enjoying a summer off before beginning work for a law firm in the fall. ✷ Dr. **Laura Wright** (who had just graduated from Jefferson Medical School!) married Ian McCray '95 in a Vermont ceremony at the Whitford House on May 18. Standing by her side were **Amy Flanders, Caroline Griffith, Jackie Pelton**, and **Elizabeth Frazier**. Other '97s in attendance were **Rob Birdsong, Matt Ralston, Dave Smith, Andy Jessen, Greg Carolan, Katie Rosin Green, Karen Lewis Jacobs, Lara Wagner, Lilia Gerberg**, and **Steve Hildreth**. Many other Middlebury alumni celebrated with them as well. ✷ **Emily Hainen** and Scott Smith were married in Emily's hometown of Pittsford, NY, on June 22. Middlebury bridesmaids included **Elisabeth Wynn, Elizabeth Kennedy, Katie Rosin Green**, Andress Beck Pettibone '98, and Ellen McCrary Hainen '94. Other Midd friends attending the elegant celebration included Steve Pettibone '94, **Rob Birdsong**, **Bill Noto**, Meredith and **Dan Drake**, **Catherine Herrick**, **JB Mackenzie**, Chris Clark '99, Michael Hainen '94, and **Nick** and **Becky Cowgill Wilkoff**. ✷ **Abbey Krasnow** and Jonathan Edwards were married on July 4, with an ocean-side ceremony and reception on Cape Cod. **Kara Delahunt** and **Amy Smith** were bridesmaids, and other Midd friends included **Betsy Skoda**, Tim and **Kathy Kulis Dailey**, and **Nick** and **Becky Cowgill Wilkoff**. ✷ If you have any news to report in this column, please send Jackie or Jocelyn an e-mail.

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Mark Bisanzo recently received his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School. Mark lives in Brookline, MA, and is doing his ER residency at the Brigham & Women's Hospital and Mass General in Boston. Mark will teach an ER course to first- and second-year students at Harvard. Following graduation, Mark hiked the 279-mile Long Trail in 23 days last May. ✷ **Nathan Maxcey** has moved to Big Twelve country! He is now the assistant director of football operations for the Univ. of CO. Go Buffs! ✷ **Davin Wilfrid**, Special Agent for the Lavin Agency in Cambridge, MA, writes in with some revealing updates about his friends. **Collin Williams** finished his second year at Tulane Law School. One more year and he's a full-fledged lawyer! **Lindsay Reishman** visited Collin during finals last spring. While Collin had to spend most nights deep in thought, Lindsay spent most nights deep in the heart of the French Quarter, scurrying down Bourbon Street while being pursued by new friends. ✷ **Tim Weld** adventured overseas on a three-month assignment in London, for Bank Boston Capital. He reported that he found his weekend trips to southern Spain quite stimulating (just had one-on-one flamenco lessons) and that cubicles are called "boxies." ✷ **Colin O'Neil**, homeowner, was spotted driving a blazing white convertible BMW through Boston. O'Neil was wearing a green Izod shirt, collar up. We presume he was going golfing. ✷ **Dan Nelson** was recently in Thailand for a month of military maneuvers with the Royal Thai Army. He and wife **Melissa Loeben Nelson** are still based in Hawaii, where Dan still hasn't gotten tan, and Melissa is racing outrigger canoes. Melissa is also a drug and family counselor at a women's prison on Oahu. ✷ On a beautiful Saturday in early May, a throng of Boston-area alums gathered to celebrate Cinco de Mayo (and Davin's b-day) with a spirited game of sloshball. **Jill Patey**, whose parents generously hosted the post-game festivities, was joined by **Jennifer Beaumont, Lauren Brown, Jen Andrews, Michelle Spina, Katie Whittlesey, Davin Wilfrid, Topher Lewis, Ben Christian**, **Colin** and Shayla Schneider '99 **O'Neil**, Brian Schmidt '97, Dates Fryberger '97, Matt Hughey '97, Bob Rice '97, and others. ✷ After receiving her master's in education from the Shady Hill School in Cambridge, MA, last spring, **Martha Shay Trail** is

teaching second grade there this fall. ✷ **Jill Santopietro** finished Cooking School at Boston Univ. and has been working at some of the top restaurants in Boston, in addition to catering and working with the Official Photographer of the Big Dig. ✷ Whitney Lunsford and **Pauls Toutonghi** were married on January 5 in Newport News, VA. She's a third-year law student at the Syracuse Univ. College of Law and he's completing a Ph.D. program at Cornell. They met while studying abroad at the Univ. of St. Andrews, Scotland. Pauls writes: "My first collection of short fiction, *Live Cargo*, has been accepted for publication by the Livingston Press at the Univ. of West Alabama. A story of mine, "Still-Life," is currently available in *Glimmer Train* magazine." ✷ Infamous Midd tap dancer **Tanya Boudakian** left her post at Le Cirque (to the very capable Meegan Moszynski '01), had a brief stint with a NYC boutique PR firm, and is now in the process of starting a public relations company while also trying to open a pastry shop with her boyfriend, an established pastry chef in NYC. Tanya writes, "I specialize in—what else?—chefs, restaurants, and food people." Tanya reports that the Brazil wedding of **Davis Hodge** and Cintia Fantini was "amazing." Winter Ball King **Dave Thomas** and Todd Henkinson also joined in on the fun in Brazil. Apparently the newlyweds invited the Midd crew, their families, and about a dozen grad school friends to come along on the honeymoon. ✷ After graduating from Johns Hopkins medical school in June, **Annie Reis Cowan** moved to Ann Arbor, MI, with her new husband John Cowan. At the Univ. of MI, Annie is starting an anesthesiology program, and John is in his neurosurgery residency. Annie and John met in medical school and were married June 1 in California, with a number of Midd grads in attendance. If you're ever in Ann Arbor, Annie and John want to take you to "the big house" for a U of M football game. ✷ Be in Middlebury for our 5th Reunion, June 6-8, 2003! **Nate Johnson** is co-chairing our reunion social committee, while **Brandon Doyle** and **Sacha Janke** are heading up the gift committee to raise money for our reunion class gift.

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Matt Holmes is working in management consulting with BlueprintChina, a boutique consulting firm in Shanghai, China, where there are plenty of Midd kids around. He plays squash with **Cedric Ammann**, sees Kenn Ross '96, Jiaming Li '93, Sean Hurley '91, Jeff Graham '00, and Xhingyu Chen '01. On a brief U.S. trip in June, he met up with **Kate Sauer**, **Cristina Berta**, and **Brian Garvin** in Boston, and **Ivana Budin**, Will Morrow '98, Maria Maslennikova '98, **Chris Vourlias**, and **Muchiri Kabuga** in New York. Steady stream of guests on Matt's couch have included **Peter Suen** (heading back to computer science grad school after finishing law school), **Ariane White**, and **Scott Tatlock**. "Still waiting for the rest of you to stop by!" ✷ **Tom Bishop** has been back in Taipei working in publishing. Snowboarding finally caught up with his ACL this past winter so he was heading stateside for a few months to have surgery and focus on rehab. ✷ **Jed Harris** has moved to Porter Square in Boston, though he still works for JP Morgan in NYC. He reports: "It's great to be in Boston and reconnecting with lots of Midd folk." ✷ **Aaron Tyler** has also moved back to Boston. ✷ **Cameron Brown** started classes at the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts in September. She was recently in Seattle to see **Allen Cowett**, **Elizabeth Mann**, and **Shauna Hill**; spent Memorial Day in DC with **Judy Zamore**, and visited Kate Mielke '01. She was looking forward to a weekend in the Catskills with **Frank Wildermann, Glenn Edwards, Lizzie Herman, Eliz Mann, Elena Russo**, Nat Coughlin '98, Brooke Capps '97, **Courtney Thompson, Becca Hayes, Yseult Tyler, Jared Bartok, Melissa Pruessing**, and maybe **Geoff Silvius**. Cam reported that **Alex Loth, Erik Maulbetsch**, and **Angela Goldrick** were all in town recently for a wedding. ✷ **Dimitrios Spiliakos, Ben Schlechter, Cam Brown, Melissa Pruessing, Anne Marie Calareso, Brooke Penick, Beth Staples**, and **Reid Strong** joined **Alexis Landry** at the Great Big Sea concert. ✷ While getting a master's in physical education, **JP Gowdy** will be graduate assistant swim coach at Springfield College. ✷ **Brian Harrison** has left management at American Express and joined the Boston South Financial Group/ MetLife in Hingham, MA, as an agency director and financial planner. A summer party at his place in Quincy, MA, included Andrew Hattori '02, **Amari Parker**, Kate Sabatini '02, Anna Benvenuto '00, Gentian Falstrom '00, Matt Griffin '00, and Jeff Polubinski '02. ✷ **Joe Kraft, Mike Cormier**, and **Greg Parent** met at Unit's home in Vermont for the 4th of July. ✷ **Jason Price** (jasonjprice@lyahoo.com), whose tour with the Peace Corps has ended, is searching for **David Grass** and **Jeff Martini**. ✷ **Mike Hackett** is working for a Philly law firm. ✷ **Brad Maxwell**, in addition to hiking part of the Appalachian Trail with wife Susie Church Maxwell '97, is working both for a tax attorney and a judge in Ithaca, NY. ✷ **Kristine Kraushaar** barely survived the heat wave, working for the Dept. of Justice in DC. ✷ Leaving New England, **Cinda Scott** is starting a Ph.D. program at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science at the Univ. of Miami. She invites friends and supporters (like **Pete Suen, Rosalba Novoa, Kang Yue, Tenzin Dolker Mentuh, Querube Lopez, Tanya Trodden Calvo, Frances Garcia, Amy Kinner**, and **Heather Budd**) to visit her in South Beach. ✷ Doing graduate studies in geology at the Univ. of ME, **Erich Osterberg** is integrating his work on rapid climate change with studies he conducted as a Fulbright Scholar. ✷ In Chi-town, **Katie Padgett** is working on her Ph.D. in philosophy. ✷ **Heather Rivas** was playing Helena in a production of *Midsummer Night's Dream* in NYC, while sweating it out on the East Side. ✷ In Connecticut, **Glenn Edwards** is living and working at Cheshire Academy, where he's the assistant athletic director. "In addition to teaching AP U.S. history, I am coaching cross-country, basketball, and track and field. Hopefully I will be starting work on my Ph.D next spring in education." ✷ **AJ Husband** spent the summer weight lifting in New Haven, CT. ✷ **Elizabeth Goeke** (egoeke@space.mit.edu) has moved from Kentucky to Iowa City, IA, to start her Ph.D. in geology at the Univ. of IA. Those cruising down I-80 through Iowa will find her only five minutes south of the highway. ✷ **Beth Claypool**, who left DC for Iowa in August 2001, now works at ITAGroup, in the incentive travel industry. She says there IS theater in Iowa, and Beth is active in it. She sends love to **Marika Hoe, Heather Budd, Jenn Cappeto**, Jessi Burgess '00, and Molly Fitzgibbon '00. ✷ For two years, **Thaya Brook** (thayabrook@hotmail.com) has been a paralegal in Boston at Chin & Curtis, LLP, alongside Kip Adams '97, Patrick Taylor '97, and managing partner Francis Chin '69. Now starting law school at the Univ. of MI, she would love to hear from alums in the Ann Arbor area. ✷ The July 2 Colorado Rockies game was a mini-Midd reunion, as **Ben Lively, Emily Voorhees, Zach Reber**, Helen Gemmill '00, and **Peter Steinberg** took in the game. Coincidentally, **Jon-Erik Borgen, Peter Ericson**, Derek Esposito '00, Jamie Haire '01, John Rice '01, and a host of other Midd Lax alums (in town for the Vail Lacrosse Shootout) were also seated in the rarified air of Coors Field's cheap seats. Ben Lively has been working in the recording and computer industries in Boulder; Emily Voorhees is also working in the Boulder music scene. Jon-Erik Borgen was heading to the Berkeley School of Music this fall. ✷ After conquering Vail this 4th of July (successfully birdied two holes in one round of golf), **Robby Levy** is thinking of quitting his banking job. ✷ **Sam Webb** was off to Univ. of WI Law School this fall. ✷ **Mike Balamotis** continues to reach for that elusive Ph.D. at UCLA, no longer researching gene therapy but shifting his focus to gene regulation and the control of fetal development. He recently talked to **Lloyd Robinson** (lrobinso@artsci.wustl.edu), who enjoys the view of downtown St. Louis from his 10th floor lab bench at Washington Univ. ✷ **Eric Meissner** is foraging for micro-organisms at Chapel Hill and getting down in dance clubs. ✷ **Peter Suen** finished at Stanford Law and decided to go back for a Ph.D. in computer science. ✷ After graduating from UCLA law school, **Laurie Manus** was back in NJ, working for a Cherry Hill judge. While summering on the beach, she claimed to study for the bar exam. ✷ **Scott Dudley** took a well-deserved break from dental school at Penn for three weeks of hiking in Alaska. When he finishes at Penn, he's doing his residency with the U.S. Air Force! ✷ Still living in Kodiak, AK, **Erin Harrington** (erin@alaska.com) is working for an organization of salmon fishermen: "This is important, but sometimes depressing work. Alaska's salmon fishermen are all independent businessmen, who often times have their whole family fishing with them. Our industry has been crushed by cheap farmed salmon, primarily imported from Chile and Norway. These industrially farmed fish are driving Alaskan salmon fisherman (our state's version of the small farmer) out of business. If you purchase salmon in the store, anything that is 'Atlantic' is FARMED, and always in environmentally detrimental ways. (See the website www.davidsuzuki.org.) Make sure you buy 'WILD' salmon. 'Fresh' doesn't cut it." In January, Erin starts an M.S. in seafood marketing and economics at the Univ. of AK Fairbanks.

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Peter '98 and **Becca Philips Emerson** are happy to share the news of the birth of daughter Lena Fay in April. ✷ In NYC, **Angy Herrera** left her job working for the commissioner of the NHL and is now marketing coordinator for Rockefeller Center: "We plan events and parties at Rock Center, as well as deal with all the film shoots that come through here (i.e. *Chambermaid, Spiderman, Mr. Deeds*, etc.)." ✷ **Jeff Kendig** has moved from

Boston to San Francisco, where he often sees **Michelle Young**, **Alison Bowe**, **Tim Dewey-Mattia**, **Jme McLean**, and Sean Libby '97. Jeff spent the 4th of July in Redondo Beach with Orin Moore '01, **Matt Wool**, Andrea Kaufman '01, Jenny Levin '02, and Brian Cagle '99. When in L.A., he spends time with **Ashley Forbes** and **Mel Curtis**. ✷ From June 24 to August 12, **Tim Dewey-Mattia** was biking over 3,000 miles from Yellowstone, WY, to Denali, AK, to get the word out about conservation and sustainability in support of the Yellowstone to Yukon (Y2Y) Initiative. Tim, **Jme McLean**, and **Adam Popkin** went to Italy last April to visit Peter Walsworth, doing his master's at Midd Florence. ✷ After a wonderful year in Modena, Italy, **David Babington** was leading a summer Putney Student Travel Community Service trip in Newport, VT. This fall, he's working for NYU in Florence. ✷ **Amanda Peters** was an organizer of a walkathon—a 5K Run/Walk to fight MS—in Golden Gate Park on June 5. ✷ After doing Midd Chinese Summer School, **Jamie McBride** went to Harvard to pursue her master's in higher ed. ✷ **Jeffrey** "JJ" **Jezierski** made his one-year anniversary with American Tower Corp., managing this Telecom's Mid-Atlantic area tower inventory. In his free time, he hangs out in Davis Square (Somerville, MA) with new and old Midd friends, especially Rebecca Sama '98, Phuket Rubel '98, Alice Martin '98, and Sarah Nunamaker '98. He's also bikes on the newly renovated Minuteman Trail, through the backyards of Arlington, MA. ✷ **Tom Flynn** moved to DC in August to finish up his studies at Johns Hopkins SAIS program. ✷ At the Jersey shore, **Anne McDonough** was gearing up for a big move to DC in August. ✷ Adjusting to life in DC, **Erica Hill** got together with **Brian Deese, Kate Turner, Irene Flowers**, and **Mindy Atwood** for a barbecue the week she arrived. While working for Crate and Barrel this summer, she was looking for a "real job" in the fall. ✷ After returning in July from a three-week trip to Ireland and France, **Kevin Locraft** started his new job in DC with DGB Enterprises. ✷ **Genny Berdoulay** graduated from UC Boulder last spring. She's teaching eighth grade English in Vail this fall. ✷ Last April, **Melanie Curtis** moved to L.A.: "It's blue skies all the time, which is perfect for my sky-diving training. I am on a 4-way skydiving team, named Rebellion. There are four of us who perform a series of pre-determined formations in a span of 35 seconds after exiting the aircraft. We score points by completing as many of the formations within that time frame as we can and having them filmed by our videographer (another skydiver with a camera mounted on her head flying above us)." They were going to the U.S. Nationals in September to compete in 4-way and in 8-way. ("Put 2 4-way teams together and you have a pick-up 8-way team. We're doing that just for fun.") ✷ July's highly anticipated "Bay Head 2002" brought all walks of life back to the Jersey Shore. Kick-off for the 6th annual event was the "Kate Harrington '00.5 BBQ" at Chunk's, followed by Saturday's dangerous-yet-monumental super carvelling, and then concluding with the all-night extravaganza at Whip's. Perennial Bay Headers include Jersey-shore natives **Sam Wilson** and **Scott Readlinger** (the hosts), along with **Craig Paris, Dave Lis, Rick Huisman, Jess Grillo, Tom Diemar, Matt Murphy, Chris Ashley, Ian McGuire, Steve Kelly, Tab Howard, Jeff Doran, Nils Hegstad, John Wenner, Rick Morgan, Jaimie Frataroli, Lindsay Schroth, Gwenie Rogers, Lyndsey Erickson, Hilary Amoss, Amy Leibowitz, Hallee Branin, Bryan Donohoe, Alyssa Pappas, Joey Faucher, Matt Franzosa, Mike Sims, Ben Fritz**, and Morgan Stanley's **Anthony LoSauro**.

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Mei Robertson (mei@alumni.middlebury.edu) has been working for the Capital Group Companies in L.A., but this fall she's moving to Singapore/Hong Kong to work for four to six months on a project involving China. "Anyone who's going to be in the area should let me know!" ✷ On May 1, **Peter Day** and **Dave Koltai** played at the Mad River Bar and Grill ("sort of fitting, somehow") in Manhattan (1442 Third Ave. at 82nd St.). The next night, they played at the Blah Blah Lounge in Brooklyn. ✷ Earlier this year, **Rich Gallup** was selected as one of 10 finalists in a film contest sponsored by Nintendo. "They gave me some money to make a movie and I did, with the help of **Jason Lemire** and **Ben Coello**." The movie was put online at www.eternaldarknessfilms.com and people could go there and vote. The winner of the contest was to get $20,000 and their movie showcased at a major film festival. In his quest for fame, Rich is moving to Los Angeles. ✷ **Sarah Theall** is beginning law school this fall at Northeastern Law School. ✷ **Corey Wilk** returned to Harvard Law School, after spending the summer in DC working at the Institute for Justice, where they won a major U.S. Supreme Court decision permitting school vouchers/school choice. While in DC, he saw **Brent Boscarino**, **Tim O'Keefe**, **Jess Widay**, and **Becky Ruby**. Becky has been living in DC since February, and has been promoted to legislative correspondent in the office of Congresswoman Anne Northup (R-KY). She was visited in July by senior-year roommates **Kristen Sylva**, **Kate Griffiths**, and **Leslie Fox**. Kristen was recently promoted to classified advertising consultant for the *Boston Business Journal*. ✷ **Kelly Knapp**, **Jean Burr**, **Jess Stahl**, and **Kathrin Platt** had a small reunion in Chicago in May 11. Jess won a free stay at a suite in the Swiss Hotel and shared her prize. Kelly, who spent the summer working at a camp for kids with learning disabilities, returned to work on her Ph.D. in school psychology. Jean, who spent the summer doing research at the Univ. of MN, where she's doing her Ph.D. in school psychology, got away from the city with **John Colianni** at his family's summer house in Wisconsin. (She writes that she has dramatically improved her wakeboarding skills, that med school is going well for John, and that she still dreams of Vermont.) Jess relocated mid-summer to Laurel, MD, to begin work on a Ph.D. in counseling psychology at the Univ. of MD. ✷ Also in DC is **Julia Rosenfield**, who is one of two China program officers for CET, an academic travel company. Her job includes developing the programs in Nanjing, Beijing, and Harbin, and an emerging program in Costa Rica. ✷ **Katie Bender** is is studying to become a nurse practitioner at UPenn. ✷ **Peter Day** planned to catch a few mountain stages of the Tour de France before returning to the U.S. in October. He has been a multi-sport adventure tour guide in France. ✷ **Erin Sussman** moved with her cousin into SoHo, in NYC, where she's working on the Sci-Fi Network for USA Cable. ✷ **Rachel Rackow** is staying at her job at Brigham and Women's as a clinical research coordinator for another year. After finishing her pre-med requirements at the Harvard Extension School this year, she'll apply to med school next year. ✷ **Lisa Stifler** spent her summer working for WomenSafe (formerly the Addison County Women in Crisis center), before resuming her role as a CRA for Wonnacott Commons. ✷ **Carolyn Wilsey** has returned to Midd from Connecticut to be a reporter for the *Addison Independent*. ✷ Also back in Vermont is **Susan Angst**, who relocated from Boston to serve as an admissions counselor for the College. ✷ **Paul Camhi** writes from Long Island that "after spending the last year caddying, temping, and working for my grandfather's estate planning firm (basically doing anything to survive the post-9/11 employment fallout), I'm happy to report that I've recently been hired as a sales assistant to a broker at Salomon Smith Barney on Long Island." Paul hopes that, with a little luck, the market will pick up and he'll be making the big bucks in no time! ✷ To any other '01s we haven't heard from, please drop Leslie or Mike a note to let us know what you have been up to in the past year. Send an e-mail address where you can be reached and any other news to pass along to the rest of the class!

Studying at Oxford, Kristin Anderson '01 is a postgraduate student in English at Exeter College, and Ebru Uras '01 is working on a second B.A. at Balliol.

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As account manager for Jager Di Paola Kemp Design in Burlington, VT, **Kate Sabatini** is assisting the brand strategist with research and client presentations. She worked at JDK as an account intern while completing studies at Midd. ✷ Stay in touch and let us know what's going on. As we all settle in to new jobs and new addresses, there's a lot of news coming in for our next column. Watch for it here!

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

Students from the Spanish School prepare a feast of enchiladas and other delectables.

ENGLISH

Retired from teaching, **Lee Gaillard** (M.A. '70) continues to write articles for magazines and newspapers on the environment, military technology, and defense issues. Last February, he attended the defense conference of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. ✷ **Mark** (M.A. '91) and **Stephanie Smith Luebbers** (M.A. '90) live in Delmar, NY, with sons Jonas (8) and Max (4). Mark is the assistant headmaster at St. Gregory's School in Londonville, NY, and Stephanie is the academic dean at Albany (NY) Academy for Girls. ✷ The marriage of Kathleen Hughes and **Timothy Groves** (M.A. '97) took place on June 22 in Pentwater, MI. Tim is VP of Schoolyard Inc. ✷ **Jessica Sheehan** ('99, '00, '01) and Ryan Clancy were married recently in Haverhill. Immediately after the wedding, they moved to Hawaii, where Ryan is a dentist and Army captain.

FRENCH

After teaching French and Spanish at Manchester (NH) Memorial High School for 35 years, **Paul Kearney** (M.A. '65) has returned to his alma mater, St. Anselm College (B.A. '63) to teach in the department of modern languages and literature. ✷ **Barbara Kaminar Mujica** (M.A. '65), who teaches Spanish at Georgetown Univ., is the author of *Frida,* a bestselling novel based on the life of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Published last year by Overlook Press, *Frida* recently came out in paperback from Plume. For more information, see www.barbaramujica.com. ✷ **Linda DiPasquale Nye** (lnye@erols.com) (M.A. '66) is teaching ESL for the Alexandria Schools System in Virginia. She received her M.A. in Spanish from Middlebury in 1998 and attended a Spanish immersion program this summer at Millersville Univ. in Pennsylvania.

GERMAN

Dr. **Paula Holdman**, S.C., (M.A. '67) spent part of the summer in England at Plater College, Oxford. She interviewed the German-speaking staff at Littlemore, Oxford, Center for Studies on John Cardinal Newman. She is college historian at the College Mount St. Vincent in Riverdale, NY. ✷ **Kathryn Cowin Decker** was named 2002 Outstanding School Psychologist for the Bay Area Region by the California Assoc. of School Psychologists. After seven years as a bilingual (Spanish/English) school psychologist for the Hayward Unified School District, Kathy joined the San Lorenzo district. ✷ **Marianna McKim** (M.A. '92) and Reinhart Sonnenburg were married on May 26 in Lyme, NH. At Dartmouth College, Marianna is an assistant director for research in the foundation and corporate relations department; Reinhart is the reference bibliographer for German and classical studies.

ITALIAN

Navy Ensign **Jason Browning** ('96, '00, '01) recently received his commission as a naval officer at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

RUSSIAN

Vivian Schiller (M.A. '85) is the new general manager of Discovery Civilization Channel, co-owned by Discovery Communications and the New York Times Co. A 14-year veteran of Turner Broadcasting System, she had been serving since 1999 as senior VP, CNN Productions, where her key accomplishments included the development of two weekly series, *People in the News* (with *People* magazine) and *CNN Presents*. *CNN Presents* has received numerous awards, including a Peabody Award, two Alfred I. duPont Awards, a Polk Award, and an Emmy Award. According to John Ford, president, content group fo Discovery Networks, "Vivian has produced some of the most honored programming on CNN, bringing viewers a wealth of topical, relevant stories of people, cultures, and places. She's the perfect fit to make Discovery Civilization Channel a leading network for in-depth, entertaining, and fresh perspectives on history, current events, changing world cultures, and geographic journeys."

SPANISH

Lynn Talbot (M.A. '74) recently published *Living at the Edge: A Biography of D.H. Lawrence and Frieda von Richthofen*. ✷ **Dennis Lavoie** (M.A. '82) was one of 70 teachers from western New York State to be honored as Teacher of the Year. In May, he was one of three named Distinguished Teacher of the Year by the Univ. of Rochester's Warner School of Education. ✷ **Lynn McGovern** (M.A. '85) has been named to head the Junior Year in Spain program at Sweet Briar College in Virginia. She has taught Spanish at Bridgewater College since 1992. ✷ Mercyhurst College named **Alice Edwards** (M.A. '88) its 2002 Teaching Excellence Award winner. Alice is an assoc. prof. in Spanish and director of the Mercyhurst world languages department. ✷ **Lee Williams** (M.A. '97), a Ph.D. candidate in romance languages at the Univ. of Miami, has been awarded a Fulbright fellowship for nine months of research in Uruguay, beginning in February 2003. His new novel, *Author of Destiny*, was published in September by Livingston Press. He and wife Eiko Isogai Williams (M.A. '97) live in Miami Beach.

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25 **Helen Newton Ehlert**, 98, of Rutland, VT, on July 3, 2002. She was predeceased by husband Frederick E. Ehlert '27 (in 1953) and by sister Dorothy Newton Eisenhart '23 and cousin Elizabeth Howard Gordon '26. Survivors include niece Jean Eisenhart '61, nephew Jay Eisenhart, and cousins Katharine Allen Leslie '38, Julie Howard Parker '54, Jane Gordon Pelton '58, Mary Leslie Hanscom '63, and Mary M. Gordon '65.

26 **Alberta Decoster Papke**, 96, of Milwaukee, WI, on December 6, 2001. Her husband, Aloys P. Papke '25, died in 1979. She is survived by son Tommy A. Papke '56.

28 **Harriet Grant Seaward**, 96, of Lancaster, NY, on June 22, 2002. She taught English and Latin in the Lancaster schools for 20 years, retiring in 1973. She was a member and past president of the Lancaster Civic Club. Predeceased by husband Edgar Seaward, she is survived by son Grant E. Seaward, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

29 **Eula Cargill Kelley**, 93, of Andover, NH, on July 6, 2002. She taught Latin and French in Vermont schools until her marriage to John A. Boyle. In Franklin, NH, they operated a gas station until his death in 1935. With husband Atherton W. Frost, she lived in Andover, owning and operating Nebessek Camps on Highland Lake. When he died in 1949, she continued to operate his insurance company until her retirement in 1965. In 1959, she married Horace A. Kelley, who died in 1966. She attended her 70th reunion at Middlebury in 1999. Survivors include son Timothy H. Frost, daughters Margaret Fenton and Louise Osborne, eight grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

30 **Helen Walcott Iverson**, 93, of Washington, DC, on June 7, 2002. With a master's from Columbia Univ., she was a teacher for many years, while husband Clarence Iverson was a school administrator. She was preceded in death by her husband, who died on April 27, 2002. Survivors include son William Iverson, daughter Louise Remick, and six grandchildren.

Virginia Alma Knox, 93, of Glastonbury, CT, on August 24, 2000. A graduate of Columbia Univ. School of Library Service, she earned a law degree from the Univ. of CT and was employed by the Connecticut State Library for 32 years, retiring in 1966 as associate state librarian. A life member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Connecticut, she was an active member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Glastonbury for 86 years.

32 **Evelyn Remick Russell**, 91, of Ashburnham, MA, on June 21, 2002. After completing a degree at the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in 1935, she married Harlow Russell '34 in 1936. While living in Winchester and Ashburnham, she was active in many community and church organizations. She was predeceased by her husband and by sisters Louise Remick Brown and Helen Remick MacLean '34. Survivors include son Harlow F. Russell, daughters Susan Bombieri and Victoria Caleb, and five grandchildren.

34 **Emmy Lou Nothnagle Brown**, 88, of Springfield, VT, on May 25, 2002. She taught French and Latin in Stratford, CT, and in Springfield and Bellows Falls, VT. In Springfield, she was the first president of the Visiting Nurse Assoc., a volunteer at the hospital, and an active member of the Santa Claus Club. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, M. Boyd Brown '33; sons David B. Brown '61, Frederick R. Brown, and Harry C. Brown; sister Sally Nothnagle Tefft '40; and three grandchildren. Other Middlebury relatives include nephew Timothy H. Tefft '71 and cousin Judith Nothnagle Reynolds '66. She was predeceased by sister Claribel Nothnagle Spamer '38 and brother-in-law Richard S. Tefft '40.

Eleanor Orde Reid, 90, of Lebanon, NH, on August 10, 2002. With a degree in business administration from Simmons College, she was executive secretary to the plant manager of New England Telephone Co. in Boston. In Lebanon, she was active in many social and civic organizations, serving as president of the Womens' Club. Predeceased by husband Andrew W. Reid '34 in 1989, she is survived by sisters Virginia Orde Church '39 and Edith Orde Birgfeld.

John A. Reilly, 89, of North Creek, NY, on July 26, 2002. With a master's from the State Univ. of Albany, he was a mathematices teacher and administrator for the Johnsburg Central School System in North Creek, retiring in 1978. An avid outdoorsman, he was a member of the Moose Pond Club (a hunting and fishing club in the Adirondacks), and was active in the Hudson Valley White Water Derby organizing committee, and Gore Mountain Ski Club. Predeceased by wife Marguerite (Ringler) in 1996, he is survived by daughter Patricia Burkart, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Sands Burchard Robart, 88, of Andover, NY, on August 28, 2001. She was a teacher and a consultant in early childhood education. She and her husband, E. Leslie Robart, operated a bookstore, the Cilleyville Bookstore, for many years at their farm in New Hampshire. Predeceased by her husband in 1990, she leaves children Andrew, Leslie, and Scott.

35 **Vera Brooks Knapp**, 89, of Montpelier, VT, on June 23, 2002. She worked in the registrar's office at Middlebury from 1935 to 1940, and later worked at the College in the placement office. Following the 1971 death of her first husband, Lee C. Warner, Jr., she married Edward F. Knapp, who died in 1994. Survivors include son Gary B. Warner, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

36 **Christine Conley Gifford**, 87, of Southern Pines, NC, on June 14, 2002. With a master's in English from Syracuse Univ., she taught in Verona, NY, for 28 years, retiring in 1974. In North Carolina, she was a volunteer at St. Joseph of the Pines, for which she received the Governor's Award for Volunteerism. Surviving are son R. Michael Gifford, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

37 **Mildred Moore Sheehan**, 88, of Bridgewater, NJ, on August 14, 2002. She was a research chemist for E.R. Squibb and sons. After retiring in 1978, she continued on a consulting basis in the archives department until age 86. Her late husband, John T. Sheehan, also a research chemist at Squibb, died in 1984. Survivors include four stepchildren.

38 **Allison S. Beebe**, 84, of Venice, FL, on December 10, 2002. He served as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II. He was an insurance executive, real estate developer, and zoning commissioner in Killington, VT. He retired to Venice 12 years ago. He was active in Rotary International, both in Killington and Venice, and was the recipient of Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow award. Survivors include wife Barbara (Wilson), daughter Janet Kaminski, sons Stephen '65 and David Beebe '67, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a brother, Nelson Beebe '34.

Donald H. Westin, 86, of Naples, FL, on June 5, 2002. He served in the Naval Air Corps as a fighter pilot during World War II. With graduate work at London School of Economics and Columbia Univ., he taught physics for nearly 30 years at Millbrook School and at Mount Hermon School for Boys in Gill, MA. Retiring to Naples in 1975, he served as a hospital volunteer for 15 years and was a member of the Quail Run Golf Club. His wife, Elizabeth Laws Westin '36, died in 1996. Other deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Sylvia Westin Wurts '29 and brother G. Wilbur Westin '36. Survivors include son David Westin '66, daughter Joanne Westin, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

39 **William P. Herrmann**, 84, of Williamsburg, VA, on July 4, 2002. He served in the Navy from 1941 to 1945. His career with Standard Oil of New Jersey began in 1939 and continued until his retirement from Exxon in 1973. After retirement, he set up his own business as a financial and management consultant to the airline industry, with many traveling assignments. Survivors include wife Dorothea (Bruning), daughter Nancy H. Smith, son William R. Hermann, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mary Pierce Mosher, 84, of Newport, VT, on August 21, 2002. She married Deane F. Mosher in 1941, and they lived in Newport for 61 years. An accomplished golfer, she won the Newport Country Club championship while still in high school. She taught mathematics at Newport High School during the war, from 1941 until 1945. Predeceased by sisters Barbara Pierce Searles '42 and Rosalie Keith, she leaves her husband, sons Deane F. Mosher Jr. and Charles Mosher, daughters Barbara Mosher Liberty '69 and Mary Beerworth, a brother, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

41 **Leonard H. Brown**, 84, of Windsor, VT, on May 16, 2002. After serving in the Army Air Force from 1942 to 1945, he managed a farm in Wilmington, managed two branch banks, and was the finance officer of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in White River Junction until retiring in 1985. His marriage to Jeanette Zeluff Brown '40 ended in divorce. Predeceased by wife Andrea (Ploeger) in 2001, he is survived by daughters J. Carol Bedford and Judith Brown Hodgman '67, stepdaughter Sandra E. Connolly, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

43 **William M. Desmond**, 81, of Claryville, NY, on June 30, 2002. With a master's from Columbia Univ., he taught English and coached at Nyack High School for 31 years, retiring in 1977. Always an active outdoorsman and nature lover, he wrote an outdoor column for the

Rockland County Journal News for 18 years. Preceded in death by daughter Karen Desmond '69, he is survived by wife Carolyn DeLong Desmond '46, son Lynn C. Desmond, daughter Holly D. Debes, and four granddaughters.

44 **Donald R. Roberts**, 79, of Wellington, Fl, on August 20, 2002. After two years at Middlebury, he served in the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions during World War II. He was a licensed FAA Commercial Pilot, SES, Instrument Rating, and a relief pilot for Florida Flood Control District. He was also a published writer, a professional musician, a retired personnel director, and past president of the Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners. He was predeceased by wife Virginia in 1985. Survivors include fianceé Beverly Allen and daughter Debi Haddow.

47 **Frederic F. Van de Water**, 83, of Richmond, VA, on May 11, 2002. A World War II veteran, he served in the Marine Corps in the South Pacific. With a degree in journalism from Boston Univ., he worked with the Associated Press from 1950 until retiring in 1972. Preceded in death by wife Virginia (Clem) in 1990, he leaves sons Jonathan D. Van de Water and Frederic F. Van de Water III, and four grandchildren.

48 **William G. Kerr**, 79, of Seneca Falls, NY, on May 26, 2002. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946. With a library degree from McGill Univ., he worked as a librarian for 36 years, 20 with the U.S. Air Force and Army in England, Germany, Morocco, and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He moved to Seneca Falls in 1968 to be the librarian of the newly established Eisenhower College. Predeceased by wife Anne (McGinnis) in 2001, he is survived by stepsons Randolph Turner and Charles A. Turner, three grandchildren, and a sister.

49 **Priscilla Thwaits Garcia**, 74, of San Francisco, CA, on June 29, 2002, after a seven-year battle with cancer. After starting a career in journalism and public relations in NYC, she settled in San Francisco in 1955. She married Max Garcia, helped him establish his architectural practice, and became director of volunteers for the Jewish Home for the Aged. An author of short stories, poems, and journals, she also published *As Long As I Remain Alive*, the story of her husband's life as a German concentration camp survivor. Besides her husband, she is survived by son David, daughters Tania Fowler and Michelle Winner, five grandchildren, and sisters Helen Thwaits Buttel '48 and Lucia Thwaits Dahlstrand '53.

Michael Glowa, 77, of York, SC, on July 2, 2002. He was a lieutenant in the Army Air Force during World War II. As an engineer, he worked for J & L Metrology in Springfield, VT. He was formerly married to Sally Peek Nelson '50. Survivors include wife Margaret (Ruhly); sons Thomas M. Glowa, Stephen R. Nelson, and Michael W. Glowa; daughters Patricia T. Glowa, Nancy E. Glowa (French School '79), and Robin Glowa Massini; a sister, and six grandchildren.

Anita Liptak, 73, of Kaneohe, HI, on April 6, 2002. After working with avant-garde music producer Stan Freeburg and at the *New Yorker* magazine, she moved to San Francisco and then to Hawaii, where she was an account executive for several advertising agencies. She was editor of the *Farm Journal*, and was public relations director for the former Island Holidays Hotels chain. After more than 30 years at *Honolulu Magazine* and Tongg Publishing (later Hagadone Printing Co.), she retired in December 2000.

Charles S. Stewart Jr., 77, of Indialantic, FL, on July 3, 2002. He served in the Air Force from 1943 until 1946, before attending Middlebury. With a civil engineering degree from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, he was employed with the Rockland County Sewer District for 22 years, retiring in 1989. Survivors include wife Blandina (Phraner), sons Charles Jr. and Wilson Stewart, daughter Mary Stetson, seven grandchildren, and a brother. His mother, the late Mabel Hoyt Stewart, graduated from Middlebury in 1919.

51 **Hilario Sierra**, 72, of Greenville, SC, on June 17, 2002. A native of Barre, VT, he was a veteran of the Korean War. He worked as a sales representative for Signode Corp. (later Illinois Tool Works of Chicago) for 38 years, retiring in 1994. Survivors include wife Betty, daughter Elisa Buresh, son Michael Sierra, and three grandchildren.

57 **Michael M. Farnsworth**, 66, of Westport, NY, on June 20, 2002. Survivors include wife Ruth (Ellenwood), daughters LouAnn Marshall and Wendy Meguid, four grandchildren, and one brother.

58 **Kenneth E. Kouri**, 66, of Westmount, Quebec, on February 14, 2002. (See 1958 class notes column.)

63 **Martin H. Foster**, 60, of Watervliet, NY, on May 24, 2002. He attended Union College, was a quality inspector for Adirondack Steel and a production technician for the NYS Senate Print Facility. He leaves wife Helen (Thomas), children Marta Cole, Christopher, Janine, Eryn, Nicole, and Daniel Foster; and 10 grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Henry J. Foster '31 and great-grandfather Henry E. Foster, class of 1896.

64 **John P. Wallach**, 59, of New York, NY, on July 10, 2002. He was the foreign editor of the Hearst Newspapers from 1968 to 1995, covering both the State Department and the White House, while traveling extensively with several presidents and secretaries of state. A regular commentator on such network news shows as NBC's *Meet the Press*, he received numerous journalistic awards, including the Edwin Hood Award, the National Press Club's highest honor, for breaking the story of the Iran-Contra scandal. He received the Legion of Honor from Jordan, the Medal of Friendship from the Soviet Union, the UNESCO Peace Prize from the UN. He founded the nonprofit youth organization Seeds of Peace in response to the 1993 World Trade Center bombings. He and wife Janet Weil Wallach co-authored *Arafat: In the Eyes of the Beholder, Still Small Voices*, and *The New Palestinians*. Middlebury presented him with an Alumni Achievement Award in 1996 and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 1999. In addition to his wife, he leaves sons Michael and David.

67 **Mary Jane Cooper O'Neill**, 56, of Providence, RI, on June 25, 2002. After teaching in Washington, she taught for five years at Kingswood Montessori School in Foxboro, MA, before becoming the founder and director of Montessori Children's House in Providence in 1976. Predeceased by daughter Marguerite, she leaves husband Peter O'Neill; sons Jason and Daniel O'Neill; daughters Alice and Claire O'Neill; sister Betty Ann Cooper Kane '63 and her husband, Noel W. Kane '64; two nephews; and niece Jessica T. Kane '90.

70 **J. Griffin Strasenburgh**, 55, of Hanover, NH, and New Vernon, NJ, on June 4, 2002. He was owner and president of Hanover Printing Company. His activities included the board of governors at Ridley College School, and membership in Sanakaty Head Golf Club, Mendham Valley Gun Club, and Colonial Wars Society of New York. He served as a captain in the Army Reserves. He is survived by wife Suzanne (Thompson), sons John Jr. and Blair, daughter Allison, and parents John and Ada Strasenburgh.

72 **Jane G. Baird**, 52, of St. Paul, MN, on July 14, 2002. She worked for the State Services for the Blind and for State Rehabilitation Services. She actively supported the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, her church, and numerous other organizations. Survivors include husband Dirk Ferlen, mother Jean Baird, father Duncan Baird, stepmother Mary Baird, sisters Ann Baird-Sweeney and Betty Baird-Newburgh; three stepsisters, and one stepbrother.

86 **Jeffrey "Jay" H. Kahn, Jr.**, 38, of Sausalito, CA, on August 1, 2002. In 1991 he moved to California, where he worked at Conari Press. For the last four years, he had been sales manager of Backbeat Books in San Francisco. He loved all types of music (particularly the Grateful Dead), sports, reading, and his cats. He leaves parents Jeffrey and Maurine Kahn, sisters Heather Gallagher and Jennifer Kahn, two nephews, and companion Renee Mercier.

94 **Chase K. Byron**, 30, of Sarasota, FL, on June 22, 2002. He attended the Bread Loaf School of English and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in the summers of 1992 to 1999. A 23-year resident of Sarasota, he was a computer consultant and business realtor. He was a member of Sarasota County Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Board. Survivors include his mother, Elmira "Lee" Kimball Byron, a sister, Lee Hayes; and a brother, H. Thomas Byron III.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

41 **Elizabeth Deery Boulger**, 85, M.A. French, of Salem, MA, on May 26, 2002. She served in World War II as a Wave and remained in the Naval Reserves until 1959. She was awarded a medal by the French government for "Excellence in French Translation" for her translation of *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, by Willa Cather.

49 **Ruth V. Johnson**, 99, M.A. French, of Saratoga Springs, NY, on May 4, 2002. She taught French, Latin, and German at Saratoga Springs High School for 40 years.

50 **Bradley T. Perry**, 81, M.A. English, of New London, CT, on June 29, 2002. He served during World War II as a lieutenant in the Coast Guard. He taught English at Conard High

School in West Hartford from 1959 until retiring in 1980.

52 **John J. Nugent**, 86, M.A. English, of Auburn, MA, on June 10, 2002. An Army veteran of World War II, he was town treasurer and taught at Auburn High School and Georgia Tech.

56 **George L. Holcomb**, 90, M.A. Spanish, of San Antonio, TX, on May 6, 2002. A retired Air Force pilot, he taught at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and was head of the foreign language department at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Spring, CO.

73 **Teresa Matson Monohan**, M.A. French, of Menlo Park, CA, on January 18, 2002.

FACULTY

Jean Berger, 92, of Denver, CO, on May 28, 2002, of a brain tumor. A refugee from Hitler's Europe, he taught music at Middlebury from 1948 to 1959 and returned as a visiting professor in the 1980s. He composed instrumental, dramatic, and solo vocal works, but is most widely known for his choral compositions, especially "Brazilian Psalm" and "The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee." In 1997, the Jean Berger Discretionary Music Initiative was established at Middlebury by the family of Meredith Parsons Salisbury '56, providing funding to enrich the musical life of Middlebury students. Professor Berger received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the Language Schools on the occasion of his return for a residency with the French School in 1999. He is survived by wife Rita and son Jonathan.

STAFF

George H. Huban Sr., who joined the College staff in 1940 as news services director, died on August 10, 2002, in Athens, Ga. He was awarded both the Bronze Star and the Silver Star for valor in combat during World War II. He returned to the College in 1945 to serve as director of publications and publicity. He also served as postmaster of the Middlebury Post Office. After retiring from the Postal Service in 1975, he became director of publications and communications and served for 22 years as editor of the alumni magazine. Though not an alumnus of the College, he was awarded the Alumni Plaque for Meritorious Service to Middlebury College in 1968. He retired in 1980, after serving under both Presidents Armstrong and Robison. Survivors include wife Helen (Hipler), three sons, five grandchildren, and a sister.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Alan Jakubek, 43, of Burlington, VT, on September 5, 2002, after a heroic battle with primary central nervous system lymphoma. He wrote and photographed for the U.S. Biathlon team, General Electric, and AT&T, before launching his own business in 1989. His award-winning photographs of people and landscapes appeared in advertising and magazines nationwide, including *Time*, *Vermont Life*, *Yankee*, and *Ski*, in which he was featured as a "Master of Winter" photographer in 1999. His work for *Middlebury Magazine* included the Sunhee Choi cover for fall 1999, the François Clemmons cover for winter 2000, the Chris Waddell cover for spring 2000, and other recent work, including shots of Mickey Heinecken, the rugby players, and many others. He is survived by his parents, Otto and Doris Jakubek, brother Steven, wife Caroline Crawford-Jakubek, son Carl, and another child, expected in March 2003.

IN MEMORIAM

CURT C. SILBERMAN
1908–2002

Born in Würzburg, Germany, Curt C. Silberman studied law at the university of that city and practiced law in Germany. After the Nazis seized power in 1933, he assisted Jewish families with legal arrangements for emigration. In 1938, he and his wife, Else, fled Germany themselves. Settling in New Jersey, he built a thriving practice in international law, from which he never retired.

He worked tirelessly on behalf of German-Jewish immigrants and was instrumental in pursuing restitution rights for the victims of Nazi aggression. He served as president of the Jewish Family Service Association of Essex County (New Jersey) and was a founder of the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe, serving as president from 1963 to 1986. He was also among the founders of the Leo Baeck Institute, the research institute on the history of German-speaking Jewry, serving on its board and executive committee throughout his life.

In 1994, the Silbermans created a fund that established the Curt C. and Else Silberman Chair in Jewish Studies at Middlebury College. At the time, he explained: "Our intention is not to sponsor a chair for Jewish students and Jewish studies per se. What is intended is the creation of a forum for students of all creeds and religions and even non-believers, which would become at the same time a kind of community forum with scholars, professors, lecturers, and citizens at large as participants." Its goal is to contribute "toward better understanding of each other." One of the mandates of the chair is "the study of Jewish history with emphasis on modern Jewish history, and the Holocaust as deterrent to prejudice and bias. It should further deal with the phenomenon of anti-Semitism as a barometer of the health of a society."

When he welcomed students and faculty at the College to symposia or lectures sponsored under the aegis of the Silberman Chair, he would always caution his audience that the democratic system is precious and fragile, that it contains within itself the tools of its own destruction and therefore requires the vigilance of an enlightened citizenry for its survival.

Dr. Silberman received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Middlebury's Commencement in 1997. His last visit to Middlebury was in May 2002 for a symposium—"Any Hope Left for Peace in the Middle East?"—sponsored by the Silberman Chair. His acuity of mind was unimpaired by his 94 years, and he was already making plans for the coming year. He died on September 9, 2002, just seven months after Else's passing.

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Charted Course

THE WATER ROUTE TO MIDDLEBURY

BY WILLIAM DALSIMER '62

"COME BACK ANY WAY YOU CAN," urged the reunion brochure I received in my mailbox last spring. It showed people traveling by fanciful and unusual means, including one fellow on giant roller skates and a set of intrepids in a boat on wheels. Why not, I thought, come back to Middlebury by sailboat? It would be a perfect way to deliver a gift—*Cole Slaw,* my 25-foot craft—to my son and daughter-in-law, who live in Vermont. After checking the charts, I realized that I could, indeed, sail from her home port near Sag Harbor, New York, almost all the way to Middlebury. If I allowed myself enough time and left soon after the last ice moved out of the Hudson River, I could also attend my 40th reunion at the end of May.

I was accompanied on the journey by family and friends,

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who boarded and departed in various ports along the way. We cast off from the dock at 6:30 A.M. and caught the ebb tide on a bright, cloudless, and calm mid-May morning, reaching Orient Point on the eastern tip of Long Island just as the tide turned northwest. The flood tide pushed us past infamous Plum Island, the Department of Agriculture's infectious-disease research station. For the next two days we tacked up Long Island Sound, close-hauled, on 15 knots of wind. Just past the Execution Rock Lighthouse, we entered Manhasset Bay, the scene of my childhood, the place where I had learned to sail.

Docking in Port Washington, I awaited a crew change, which would bring my daughter Sarah and a friend on board. We set sail on a clear and breezy Sunday for the trip around Kings Point (home to the Merchant Marine Academy), under the Throgs Neck and Whitestone Bridges, and beneath the jets taking off and landing at LaGuardia Airport.

As we closed in on New York City, we passed the barbed wire-enclosed Rikers Island and sailed through the infamous Hell Gate Bridge, where the East River joins the Harlem River, creating a swirling and sometimes unfavorable current that can keep a boat from safe passage. We glided past sewage treatment plants, power stations, and oil depots and swished down the East River, past the United Nations, and under the majestic Brooklyn Bridge.

As we rounded the tip of Manhattan, we caught sight of the gap in the skyline where the World Trade Center once stood, casting its enormous shadow over lower Manhattan. We docked in the Hudson River at the Chelsea Piers at West 23rd Street.

Monday's sailing was a bit more difficult, since we battled an ebbing tide that still flowed down the Hudson. The first hours to the George Washington Bridge, against the strong current, allowed us ample time to enjoy the skyline of New York.

Thanks to the work of classmates Al and Sue Stevens McKibben, authors of *A Cruising Guide to the Hudson River, Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence River,* we were able to identify ports of call, hot showers, spots to dine, and river hazards. The mornings and nights were cool, almost cold; the days were sunny. Winds blew down the river, right into our faces, so we let the 15-horse-power outboard do the work. A life-size replica of Henry Hudson's boat *Half Moon,* power plants, gracious mansions, picturesque lighthouses from another era, farms, small towns and villages nestled on the river banks.

At the Castleton Boat Club, a workingman's boat haven, we prepared the boat to pass under the bridges spanning the Champlain and Erie Canals, at heights as low as 20 feet. Using a hand-cranked crane, we lowered *Cole Slaw*'s 32-foot mast. "Low bridge everybody down, low bridge for we're coming to a town."

Just north of Troy, we entered the New York State canal system. Federal Lock One raises you 14 feet. Leaving this lock you can either turn westward and head into the Erie Canal on to Buffalo and beyond, or continue northward into the Champlain Canal, to Lake Champlain and Montreal.

Once again there was a crew change for the trip through the 12 locks of the 64-mile-long Champlain Canal. The first nine locks carried us up 138 feet, an average of 15 feet per lock. The last three locks carried us down 43 feet to the level of Lake Champlain and on to the southern end of the lake at Whitehall, New York, which is 90 miles from Vergennes, Vermont.

After 40 years, I had finally discovered Lake Champlain—right on Middlebury's doorstep.

Leaving Whitehall, we motored 19 miles up the southernmost and narrowest part of Lake Champlain to Chipman Point, then on to Crown Point and Chimney Point. We spent a night at an abandoned marina at Port Henry, before sailing the lower lake, exploring Partridge Harbor on the New York shore and Basin Harbor on the Vermont side.

After 40 years, I had finally discovered Lake Champlain—right on Middlebury's doorstep. When I was an undergraduate in 1958, my focus was on hiking the Long Trail, which ran along the spine of the Green Mountains, connecting the peaks of Mounts Abraham, Ellen, Lincoln, Mansfield, and Camels Hump. I was active in the Mountain Club and Skyline and spent much of my free time in Vermont's hills. An occasional canoe trip down the White River or a splash in Lake Dunmore was the extent of my water activities, and I completely overlooked this grand lake, just a few miles west of campus.

Our approach to Vergennes took us up Otter Creek, where blue heron, ducks, other water fowl, jumping fish, and an occasional fisherman or kayaker (that was Al McKibben gliding by!) greeted us. As we rounded a final bend, we heard before we saw, the white water of the falls just yards ahead. This marked the end of our passage. We tied up at the Vergennes dock, 15 days after leaving home port on eastern Long Island. Middlebury and reunion were just over the mountain, a short car ride away.

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Bring it On

BREAKING THE GENDER BARRIER IN THE UNLIKELIEST ARENA

BY DOTTIE LAUX O'BRIEN '45

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. Crisp air. Crisp leaves. Crisp apples. Football.

In my sophomore year at Middlebury, a notice was read in morning chapel: tryouts for the cheerleading squad would be held soon at the gym. When a handful of us girls showed up, we were greeted with such profound eruditions as, "er, um, uh, ah," by some very uncomfortable males. It seemed that Middlebury College had NEVER had a female on its cheerleading squad.

Transformed instantly into a passel of irritated, hot chestnuts, we went in protest to Dean of Women Eleanor S. Ross, who was a formidable figure, not to be trifled with.

I stood side-by-side with Jean Crawford '45 in the inner sanctum, usually reserved for social misdemeanors, such as sneaking out a dorm window after hours. All three of us were rigid—Miss Ross due to perfect posture, Jean and I due to righteous indignation.

Our pitch was passionate. We felt the men had more serious thoughts on their minds than rah-rah-rahing it. We expected the worst. Instead, Dean Ross began to look amused.

Miss Ross cut to the chase, "You must understand, ladies. We have a problem of great delicacy here."

Jean and I looked puzzled.

She continued, "You know we must have no hint of impropriety."

We tugged at our pleated wool plaid skirts, checking that they hit our kneecaps. Miss Ross spelled it out. "You do wear bloomers, don't you?"

Jean and I were no dummies. Without so much as a sideways glance, we each snaked a hand around our respective rears, reaching underneath the waistbands of our skirt and slip to the elastic cuff of our Lollipop panties. With our thumbs hooked under the elastic, we eased them down, letting them surface coyly at the knee. *Voilà.* Instant bloomers. Today we call that virtual reality.

"Of course we do, Miss Ross," we lied. She was too proper to ask us to hoist our skirts and prove it.

"Well then, ladies, there's nothing to worry about, is there?" She rose from her mission oak desk chair as though it were a throne. "And good luck. Can't let the men have everything their way, can we?"

And so was born the first coed cheerleading squad in the College's history. I think it was more of a political triumph for Dean Ross than it was for us. The triumph didn't last long, however. It was the last football season for years to come. Men were lobbing grenades, not pigskins, overseas.

Recently, I wondered if soccer had cheerleaders, so I phoned Burr & Burton Academy in Manchester, Vermont. I was told no. With all that fancy footwork, cheerleading would be a distraction; the fans are frenzied enough.

Surely B&B would have a cheerleading squad for football, though. Again, no. Burr and Burton does not have cheerleaders at all. Period. "Why not?" I asked innocently.

"Because the girls just aren't interested in that sort of thing anymore," I was told.

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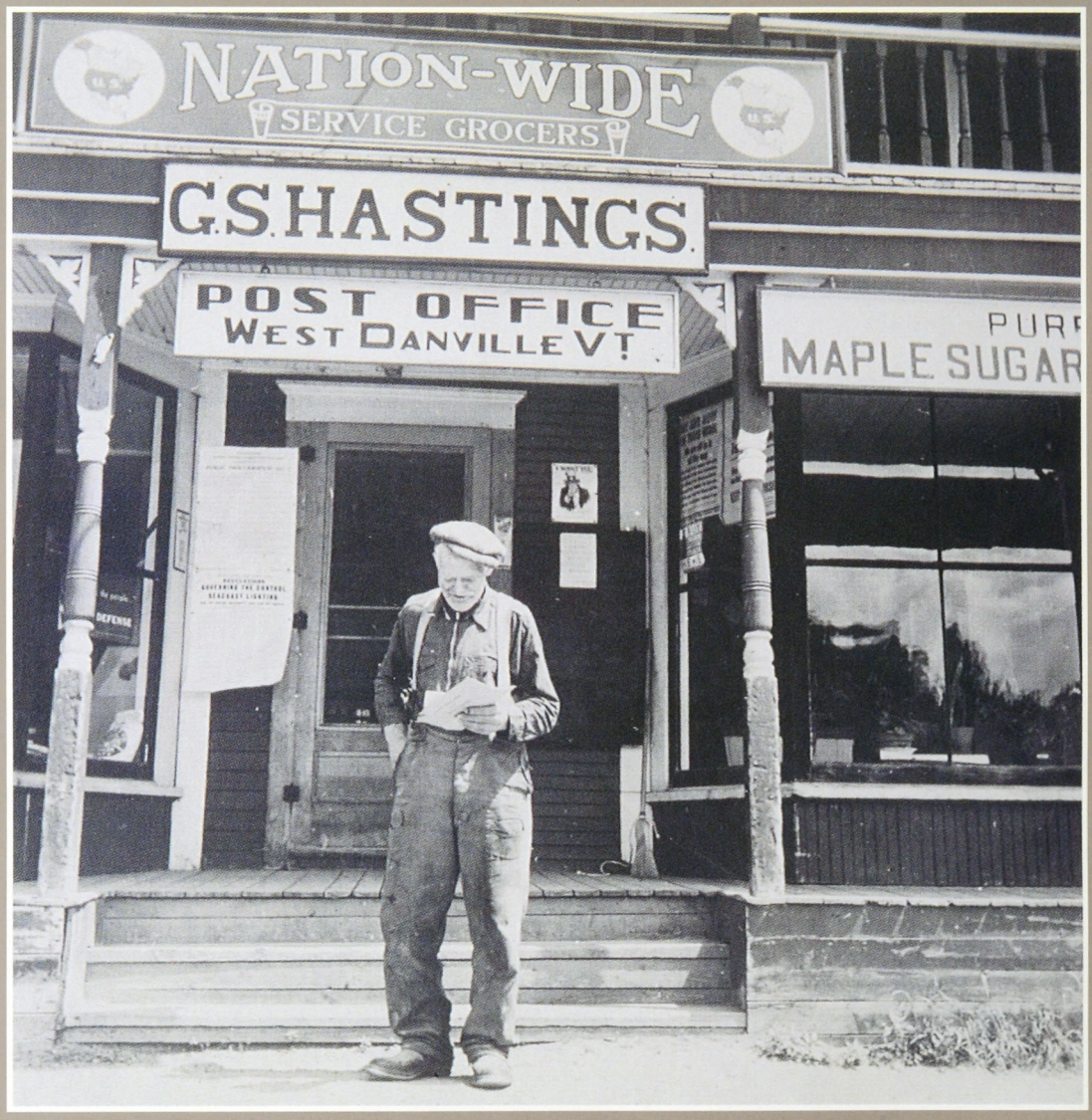

CONSEQUENCES OF WAR

Photograph by Fritz Henle, West Danville, Vt., July 1942.

Frank Goss, 71-year-old farmer, in front of Gilbert S. Hastings' general store and post office reading his mail, which includes a card saying that his hired man "won't be around for haying this year on account of he's in Californi' in the Navy."

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